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Director, F.B.I.

Re: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE
(Negro Weekly Newspaper)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are clippings taken from the above entitled newspaper of May 29, 1943.

Your attention is particularly called to the clipping entitled "A Plea From Africa's Combat Zone", which is a letter to the Editor of this paper from Cpl. John Marshall, 26th Quartermaster Regiment. This letter indicates that Corporal Marshall is now on duty overseas and he points out instances of discrimination which very probably, if read by some young selectee, may affect his willingness to be inducted into the Armed Services of this Country. Consideration should be given to presenting this to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for an opinion as to whether or not the publication of such article falls within the violation of the Sedition Statute.

In the future clippings of interest pertaining to negro activities and Communist activities will be taken from this publication and furnished the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

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'First Lady' Makes Poll Tax Appeal

With the poll tax ready for a test vote in the House, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt made a last-minute appeal for its abolition. Speaking at the annual city-wide observance of Harlem Week last Sunday in New York City, she said the repeal of the poll tax would be of benefit "not only for the colored people but for all people."

The two test votes in the House on Monday indicated the treatment the bill was to receive. The first vote registered 268 *for* and 111 *against;* the second vote registered 285 to 105.

In the same speech Mrs. Roosevelt called for equal justice before the law for all races, equality of opportunity, equality of employment and decent living conditions, and the privilege of all citizen sto participate in government.

The first lady said: "There should not be German communities, Scandinavian communities, and other communities of foreign born. There should be just American communities."

Mark Starr of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, urged the AFL to use its influence to eliminate jimcrowism in the few unions that still practice it.

Assemblyman William T. Andrews said he found Southern Negroes, during his recent trip to South Carolina "despondent, without hope and with little fight in them."

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We had an officer in the 28th Quartermaster Regiment who said: "I have been in the outfit with n——r soldiers for one year, and I have not yet understood them. I must say that I am tired of being with them and I don't like them." This report presented before the General who commanded white and Negro soldiers, resulted in the officer being relieved from the company where he was First Lieutenant, and promoted to Adjutant of the same regiment with the rank of Captain. What do you call that?

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Mob Angered As Cops Beat Milton Massey

Harlem witnessed one more shameful case of police brutality May 18 and is awaiting the outcome of justice this week as the People's Committee went to bat for Milton Massey.

Hamilton terrace was aroused by the terrifying screams of Massey, and hundreds witnessed from their doors and windows two white plainclothes policemen inflict such a cruel beating upon him that they were moved to shouts of protest and some even threw bottles from their windows.

Massey escaped into number 81 Hamilton terrace where he rooms. While his landlord barred the way of the pursuing white cops and argued with them, Officer Wallace, a Negro who lives in the neighborhood, arrived in response to two shots fired by one of the pursuers.

Wallace brought the battered and bleeding Massey down in his pajamas and barefooted. When they reached the door, say witnesses, Wallace knocked Massey down a flight of stone stairs to the street.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Massey who has been in prison for a week awaiting a hearing, says he was approached by the plainclothesmen when he sought cover in a vestibule during a storm. He was asked, he says, if he could get a colored girl for them. When he refused the men followed him home.

It was remembered by many observers that police brutalities in the Armstrong case were not prosecuted by the Grand Jury and that police have escaped punishment in other similar cases.

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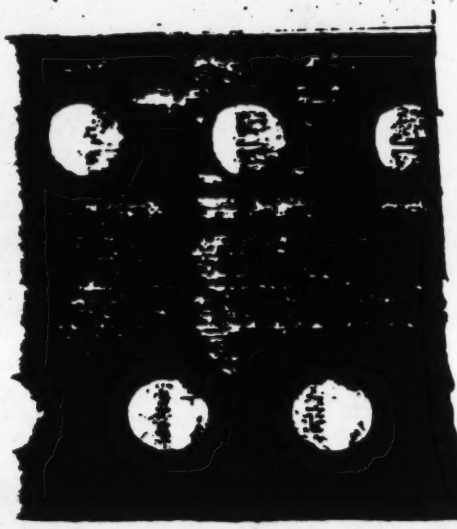

PAUL ROBESON

"Democracy's Voice" Speaks:

Robeson to Receive Honorary Degree

Paul Robeson, "democracy's greatest voice," will become Dr. of Humane Letters at Moorehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., on June 8 when he delivers the commencement address at that institution.

The only man in the world who can turn a concert into a rally for the rights of minority groups, the renowned people's artist told FV this week that he is "much impressed" with the South, where he has appeared in 4 or 5 concerts during past season.

"I wouldn't sing to segregated audiences," he said, "so I sang in Negro schools and white people came. I was much impressed by a youth hungry for education."

YOUTH UNDERSTANDS ROLE

He went on to say that to preserve the spirit of Negro youth in the south augurs much for the future. "He is proving that he understands his role in the world-wide struggle against fascism."

Robeson also told FV that

- it is a source of deep pride to him that he is receiving his first degree from a Negro institution (a similar degree was bestowed upon him at Hamilton College, Ellis Root school);
- unless the problems of the Negro people in the South are solved the Negro people in the North will never be able to solve their problems;
- the Negro must view the domestic scene in its relation to the global struggle against fascism because, since we no longer live in isolation, what happens in other parts of the world also happens here;
- he didn't believe that Stalin would have made such a pronouncement as the dissolution of the Communist International if he

cond Front would be opened quickly;

- the Negro people must support the Negro Freedom Rally to show that he understands his role in the global conflict;
- if America is to function as a world power there must be centralization of government and economy after the war is won.

NEW POST-WAR WORLD

He went on to say that after the defeat of hitler and co. the hpressed people of India and the British West Indies will be free; that Africa will occupy a different position in the post-war world; that there will be a greater understanding between the countries of the western hemisphere; and that if America is to survive, she will have to deal with the millions of Negroes who will no longer be in bondage.

"If we looked at an awakened America, the picture would be a pessimistic one," Robeson said, "but I can honestly tell young students at this time that they have nothing to be discouraged about."

Speaking of the role of the artist in the world struggle against fascism, the singer said that in the past they had lived in "ivory towers," but every day "interpretive artists are coming to the fore to express the spirit of the people."

"Support of the federal government is of primary importance to

"for if the government were o trained now it would mean t breaking down of the autonomy the states and the poll tax a anti-lynch legislation would be in force by the federal gove ment."

HAS HEAVY PROGRAM

Protection of all of the peo and complete equality, he said, necessary for national unity and Chief Executive must feel that has the power to act in the interests of the people. Up to present time, he has been stym by state's rights. This issue, he can feels, will be a major issue post-war planning.

The great people's artist ha busy summer planned. He will next week in Enfield, Conn., wi the Robesons (Paul, Essie Paul, Jr.) live. The concert is annual event for the local scholarship fund. On June 7 he will pear at the Negro Freedom R in Madison Square Garden.

Other appearances during month of June include open-air certs at Lewisohn Stadium, P delphia's Robinhood's Dell, W ington's Water Gate; and in waukee and Colorado. He will gin rehearsing for a Stra showing of "Othello" in July. show, a Theatre Guild produc is scheduled to open in New in October after 2-week tr Boston and Philadelphia.

—MARVEL CO

War Wives, Mothers Start Campaign For All-Out Support Of Freedom Rally At Garden, June 7

With the meeting last Monday night at the Wiltsie Club of a nucleus committee of prominent women, the war wives and ...tarian are throwing their support to the Negro Freedom Rally, June 7, at Madison Square Garden.

... under the sponsorship of the People's Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee, will have as its main ...gro soldiers in the armed forces.

...y the mounting protests against the mistreatment of over 200 members of the famous 369th undergoing special

... Stewart, Ga., ... of service men ...g for action from ...nd newspapers.

...EAKS UP

...he majority of them can be summed up in the words of Mrs. Leola Parker, 565 Edgecombe ave, who has two sons in the service:

"I'm thankful for this rally at the Garden because I have two boys in the army, both at southern camps, and I know what they have had to go through on various occasions. It's time these injustices are brought before the entire nation, AND STOPPED!"

Some women's clubs are reserving blocks of seats at the Garden for the night of June 7. Speakers will include Dr. Channing Tobias, of the National YMCA; Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the Urban League; Rep. Vito Marcantonio; Charles A. Collins of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, and Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, ...

"For This We Fight," a dramatic spectacle written by Langston Hughes and directed by Dick Campbell, will be presented as well a long list of prominent theatrical stars.

Harlem women met last Monday night at the Wiltsie Club to talk over plans for putting over the Negro Freedom Rally, sponsored by the People's Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee, June 7, at Madison Square Garden. Left to right, first row, Catherine Huff, Dorothy K. Vann, dancer Pearl Primus, Vicki Gist, and Marcella Gavin. Second row, M. Trebichio, Rebecca Walker, Ruth Rice, Bertha M. Richeim. Third row, Ethel Lennon, Julia Musgrove, Gladys Jones, M. Hill and Anita D. Moore.

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SOAPBOX . . by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

THE decision of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to build "a walled city" in Manhattan is another evidence of the growth of southernism in New York City. The acceptance of the project by the City Planning Commission, the endorsement of it by City officials and the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Estimate to officially pass on it, is un-Americanism at its very worst.

Ecker, of the Metropolitan stated that this new project to house 20,000 people will not admit any Negroes. Two million Negroes have policies in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company aggregating close to one billion dollars. The City is a partner in this new venture—JIM CROW, INCORPORATED.

It will grant millions of dollars of tax exemption to this development to be called Stuyvesant Town.

Stanley Isaacs and I have introduced in City Council a law to forestall this but it looks like the powers-to-be will put a "bum's rush" on the Board of Estimate when it convenes Wednesday, June 2d. The only thing that can be done now in such short time, is to let the members of the Board of Estimate know that their political future is sealed and doomed as far as the Negro voter is concerned if they become members of JIM CROW, INCORPORATED. However, in the Board of Estimate three men—LaGuardia, McGoldrick, Newbold Morris—control the majority of votes between them. Regardless of how the Borough Presidents vote those three can put thru southernism in N. Y. C.

IF THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE POLICY GOES THRU IT WILL BE DUE TO THE VOTES OF FIORELLO LAGUARDIA, JOSEPH MCGOLDRICK AND NEWBOLD MORRIS.

This will be a stab in the back to democracy. It can not go thru unless the Metropolitan Life in its covenant with the city specifically states it will accept Negro people.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW AMERICAN FASCISTS TO BUILD A SOUTHERN TOWN IN THE HEART OF MANHATTAN.

THIS IS WHAT YOU MUST DO TODAY—

1. Write LaGuardia, McGoldrick, Morris.
2. Write your Borough President.
3. Get all organizations to send letters to these individuals.
4. Arrange appointments with members of the Board of Estimate. Let them know their political future is doomed if they vote in favor.
5. Get out citizen's injunctions now through the courts.
6. Pack City Hall and the park on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 2:30, when the hearing comes up before the Board.
7. Write the Board of Estimate's secretary a registered letter asking for the privilege of speaking.
8. Whether you are going to move or not, write the Metroplitan Life and file application for the Parkchester Development in the Bronx and Stuveysant Town in Manhattan.

Rather have slums in which free people will live than skyscrapers filled with the bastard air of domestic fascism.

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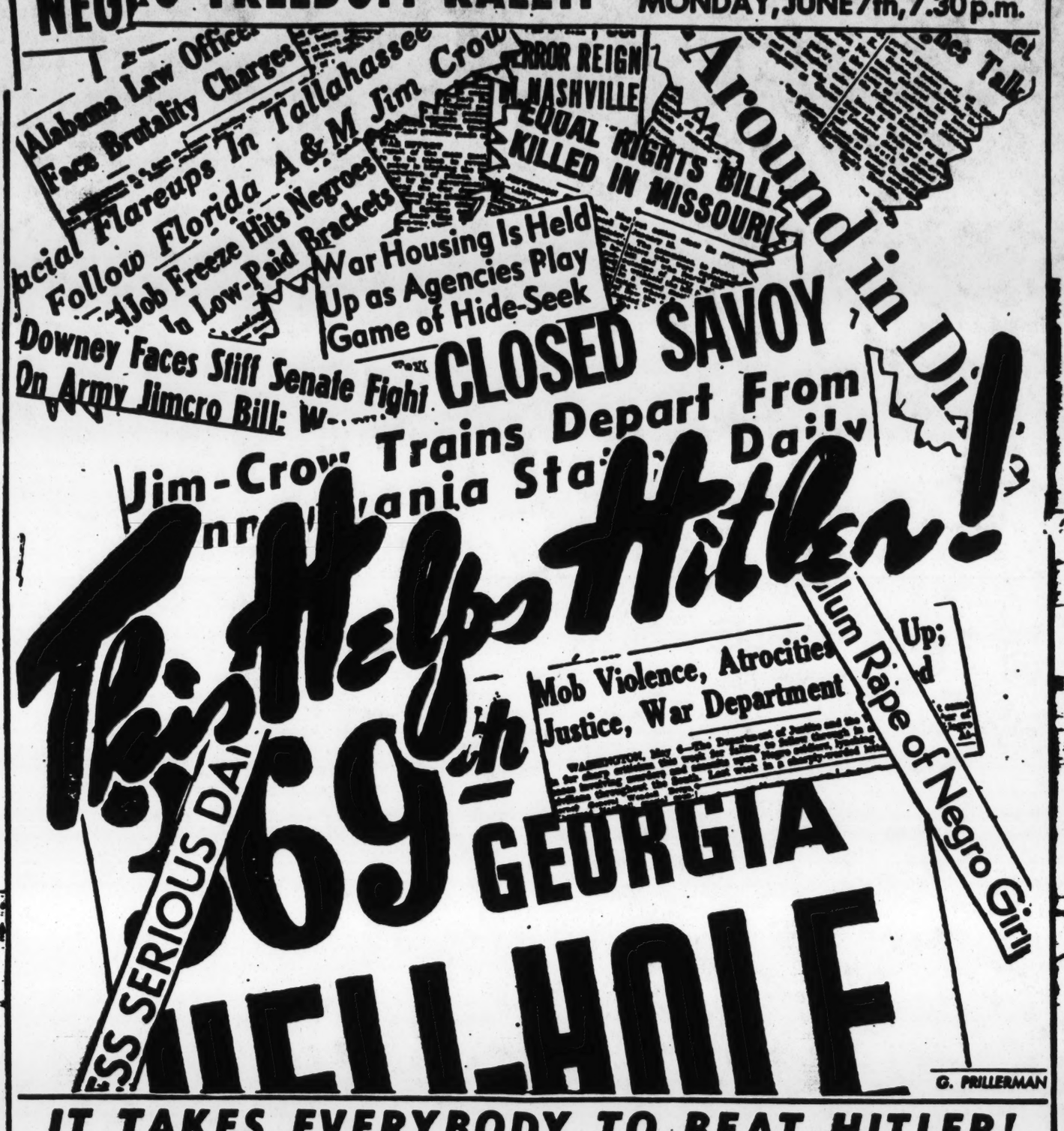
NEGRO FREEDOM RALLY:

MADISON SQ. GARDEN
MONDAY, JUNE 7th, 7.30 p.m.



IT TAKES EVERYBODY TO BEAT HITLER!

TICKETS

NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE
67 West 125th Street

PEOPLES COMMITTEE
133 West 125th Street

BROOKLYN COMMITTEE
423 Franklin Ave.

Admission .....44c-$1.10

"FOR THIS WE FIGHT"

By Langston Hughes—Eliot Campbell, Director

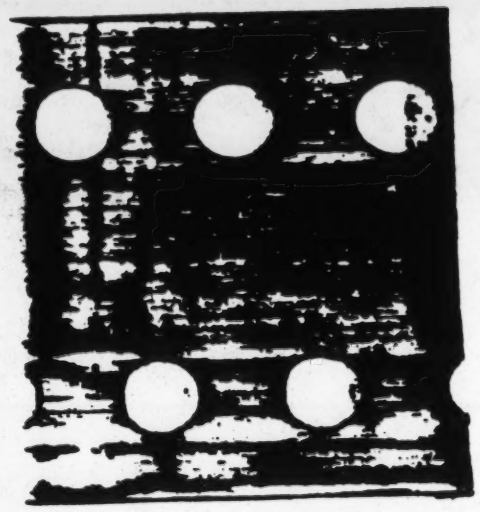
PAUL ROBESON

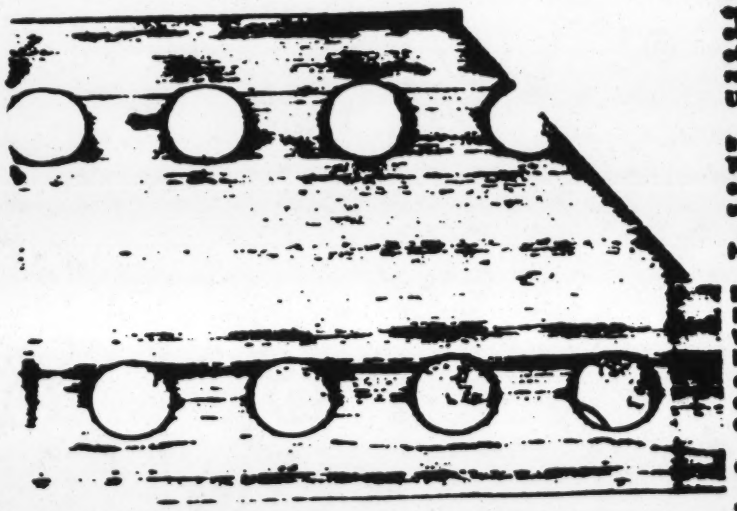
CANADA LEE — PEARL PRIMUS

KENNETH SPENCER

SPEAKERS

A. CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.
CHARLES COLLINS
VITO MARCANTONIO
DR. CHANNING TOBIAS
Chairman





LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH
Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

(Ed. Note: Mr. Smith's regular column this week gives way to a reprint of his speech at the launching of the SS. Frederick Douglass, in Baltimore, Saturday, May 22.)

IT IS fitting and proper that in a war for freedom and liberation a vessel called the Frederick Douglass should sail the seas. During another war for the same aims, this great abolitionist, orator and journalist was in the forefront in the fight against slavery. His ideals have lived, and this ship delivering vital materials of war symbolizes the ideas for which Frederick Douglass fought in his lifetime.

This ship will take its place with another famous vessel which has made history in this war. Like the FREDERICK DOUGLASS, this other vessel is also named for a famous Negro who fought for the right of all people to be free and equal, Booker T. Washington. Like the BOOKER T., the FREDERICK DOUGLASS is more than a ship. It is a floating symbol of our war aims. It will become a fighting symbol of the United Nations' war against Fascism.

Its visits to the war fronts will again impress on the minds of all fighting men, and will serve to remind them during the heat of battle, that this is a war for freedom and equality and is against evil and oppression.

WILL BE A REMINDER

Its presence on the seas will annoy the axis no end because its very name will prove that the United Nations does not recognize jimcrow, that all men are created equal and that Negro as well as white can fight for freedom.

It will play an important part in carrying war materials for the invasion of Europe, an invasion which will find the axis armies between the powerful Red Army on one side and the troops of our country and our Allies on the other. This invasion will speed the unconditional surrender of our enemy. It will make possible the liberation of the oppressed people of Europe.

Frederick Douglass spent the first twenty-three years of his life as a slave. He did not like it. He fought it, just as the people of the occupied countries who, under Hitler, have been subjected to fear and oppression, are today fighting. Douglass, as a free man, saw the issues of the day back in the Civil War; he fought them for the basic principles of human freedom, just as today the people in the occupied countries resist their oppressors.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

In the Civil War, Douglass said "Slavery must expand or die." Today it is recognized that fascism is no different and must be treated similarly. The historic Casablanca conference will ensure that there will be no expansion of fascism. The victory in North Africa is the first fruit of that unconditional surrender policy.

Frederick Douglass was a great man. He was loved by his people. He was feared by his enemies. This ship will be like him.

In Captain Richardson, who will command the FREDERICK DOUGLASS, the United Nations have a good fighter for freedom. He takes his place with Captain Mathias of the BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, who, through his skillful handling of his vessel, has delivered countless tons of valuable materials to our troops and to our Allies in North Africa and in England and who has earned for himself and his United Nations crew the respect and admiration of the free people of the world.

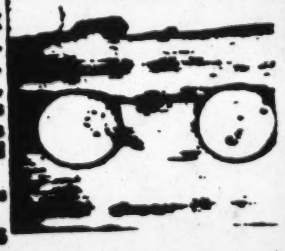
The appointment of Captain Richardson to this position marks another victory in the fight of the Negro people for equality at home.

To the Captain and to the crew of the FREDERICK DOUGLASS we of the National Maritime Union extend heartiest best wishes for a happy voyage. To the builders of the FREDERICK DOUGLASS, to the men and women of the shipyards who have put together this fighting symbol of democracy, we extend our heartiest fraternal greetings. To the people of the United Nations, we point with pride to this vessel and we can truly say that it marks another victory over those reactionary and defeatist forces within our country who, refusing to recognize the true character of this war, would continue to subject the Negro people, as well as other minorities, to a subordinate place within our democracy.

This ship is the answer of all of the anti-Fascist forces to these appeaser groups.

It will also be an answer to the axis.

We look forward to the day when the United Nations at war will be transformed into the United Nations at peace, and ships like the BOOKER T. WASHINGTON and the FREDERICK DOUGLASS will be able to visit foreign ports, not with materials for destruction, but with weapons to spread democracy and equality through all the world.



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Fascist Dies Tips His Hand

MARTIN DIES has offered to abolish his committee. The reason stated is that since Moscow has dissolved the Communist International "there is no further need for the Dies Committee."

By this statement, Dies branded himself as a fascist-minded red baiter. We, the people, have always known this. We know that the Dies Committee existed for the sole purpose of smearing liberals, minorities and trade unions under the cloak of communism. *The Dies Committee has never conducted a thorough investigation of a single un-American individual or fascist organization.* The committee was created, however, to uncover all un-American elements. It has served only as a red-baiting organization.

The Dies Committee not only ignores fascist organizations, but Martin Dies personally cooperated with well-known domestic fascist saboteurs of democracy, lynch-law exponents and American Worsters. If the Moscow move to disband the International accomplishes no other good than to dissolve the Dies Committee, it will have been one of the greatest contributions to the present war effort.

Martin Dies constantly played Hitler's game. He gave aid and comfort to the expansion of Hitlerism in America. He failed to investigate un-Americans like Father Coughlin, Gerald Winrod Smith, George Deatherage and hundreds of others with yellow backbones.

This committee conducted witch-hunts besmirching the character of people like Mary McLeod Bethune. It did not conduct one investigation of the murder of Negro soldiers by civilians. It turned its back on the fascist-inspired Sojourner Truth Housing riot. It ignored the most vicious un-American organization—the Ku Klux Klan. It tried to suppress liberal publications but allowed Social Justice to carry its anti-semitic filth. Not one of the lynch mobs performing Hitler's deeds was ever brought to the bar of justice by this Texas fascist.

Martin Dies is a Poll taxer, an American Hitler, a leader of the anti-democracy 5th column, and a saboteur of the Bill of Rights.

The statement that he will dissolve his committee is too good to be true. Even if the Dies Committee is dissolved, the nefarious work of the domestic fascists will continue. The complete extermination of them and their organization can only be accomplished by a strong united people. It is to purge America of the influence of men like the Texas poll-taxer that we are holding our Negro Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden.

LET MY PEOPLE GO—NOW! This was the cry of the children of Israel in bondage in Egyptland. It was the chant of our forefathers held in serfdom by slavery's chains. Today black men and women are evermore insistently demanding—LET MY PEOPLE GO—NOW! This must be done!

A few months ago we buried Gene Talmadge—on June 7 we will bury Martin Dies.

"We Cannot Be Bought"—EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE—"We Will Not Be Sold."

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B'klyn Leaders Score Removal Of 369th; Want Crackers Moved

"We are not so much concerned with having Negro soldiers moved out of Camp Stewart, Georgia as we are with seeing our Government move the Fascist cracker officers who are heckling the war effort and obliterate the disgraceful conditions under which Negro soldiers are forced to live, not only in this, but in all camps below the Mason-Dixon line."

The above statement was made by John T. Haney, 752 Putnam ave, chairman of the Save Our Soldiers Citizens Committee of the NAACP, as his committee put final touches on preparations for a monster protest meeting on Memorial Day, Sunday, May 30, at Alexander Hamilton High School, Bergen st and Albany ave, Brooklyn.

Called to dramatize the letters of complaint from soldiers of the Harlem and Brooklyn area, which have flooded their homes back here, newspapers offices and offices of organizations, the meeting promises to be a great demonstration against discrimination in the nation's armed forces.

"Of course, if our government in the midst of a democratic fight for democratic principles the world over is willing to admit to the world that the South is still in the saddle and running the war as it has been accustomed to running the peace, then we do want the boys moved from Camp Stewart. In fact, if that is the case, we want all northern Negro troops moved from all southern camps."

From all indications, the rally will be one of the most outstanding in the history of Brooklyn.

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SAVE OUR SOLDIERS COMMITTEE OF

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Invites You to a

MONSTER PARADE & RALLY

SUNDAY, MAY 30th, 1943

4 to 8 P.M.

At ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen and Albany Aves.

— Speakers —

Councilman Adam C. Powell, Jr.

Chappie Richardson **Peter Cacchione**

Alfred Baker Lewis **Rachel Carruthers**

Julius Adams and Others

—— ADMISSION FREE ——

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Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISEDBY ROUTING SLIP(S)
DATE

For your information, there is set forth below the content of a letter purportedly written by Corporal John Marshall, 28th Quartermaster Regiment, United States Army, to the editors of "The People's Voice," a weekly Negro newspaper published at New York City.

This letter appeared in the May 29, 1943, issue of "The People's Voice" under the heading, "A Plea From Africa's Combat Zone":

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Carnes
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BIDDLE HERE

RE: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE;
(Negro Weekly Newspaper
published at New York City)
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

Set forth below is the substance of a letter purportedly written by Corporal John Marshall, 25th Quartermaster Regiment, United States Army, to the editors of this publication. This letter was published in the May 29, 1943, issue of "The People's Voice" under the caption, "A Plea From Africa's Combat Zone":

"Dear Sir: We, the Negro soldiers of America, are engaged in a war for freedom and democracy. We have a job to do—not altogether from the soldiering standpoint—we are also confronted with 'jitters.' We realize that we are not here on a pleasant trip but we are here to help win the war. How can we do this when so many of our officers are of the opposite race?

"We had an officer in the 25th Quartermaster Regiment who said: 'I have been in the outfit with n—r soldiers for one year, and I have not yet understood them. I must say that I am tired of being with them and I don't like them.' This report presented before the General who commanded white and Negro soldiers, resulted in the officer being relieved from the company where he was First Lieutenant, and promoted to Adjutant of the same regiment with the rank of Captain. What do you call that?

"I will also mention this. A few days ago one of our regiment officers threw a brick at a soldier in his command, saying, 'If you say one word I will court martial the h— out of you.' Then he shook the soldier, daring him to talk back or lift a hand to defend himself. This is what we go through every day of our lives.

"Over here in the theater of operation, certain places are barred to us with 'White Only' signs across the doors. We have had white American soldiers to spit in our faces since we have been overseas. What could we do? These soldiers were armed with machine guns and we had nothing to protect ourselves. One or two of our soldiers have been killed for nothing by white MPs.

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"We realize this is war. We have had nine months of combat duty,—nine months in living hell. One thing I ask in behalf of all the soldiers in this organization—for some leading Negro to investigate our conditions. I might be court-martialed for writing this but it is okay with me—I am willing to die for justice and equality.

"For all the men of this organization—

CPL. JOHN MARSHALL,
28th Quartermaster Regiment."

I shall appreciate your advice as to whether you believe the publication of this letter may be considered as violative of any Federal statute within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 11, 1943

SUBJECT: POWELL, ADAM CLAYTON, JR. (DR.) (a.k.a. A. CLAYTON, JR., CLAYTON (REV.), CLAYTON A.)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On Thursday, April 29, 1943, Informant attended a meeting sponsored by the Citizens Committee of the 30th Ward held at the Varick A.M.E. Zion Church at 19th and Catharine Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to witness an address given by the Reverend A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR. of New York City, and to ascertain information concerning the activities of the Citizens Committee of the 30th Ward.

The meeting was opened by JOHN HARRIS, former member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature and at present a real estate dealer in this city in the absence of Dr. JOHN L. RICE, president of the North Philadelphia Civic League. The invocation was given by the Reverend MULLER of the Varick A.M.E. Zion Church, after which HARRIS asked the audience to join in and sing "America".

At the conclusion of the singing of "America", Dr. RICE appeared and presided over the meeting, first introducing the previous speaker, JOHN HARRIS. In introducing HARRIS, RICE gave credit to HARRIS for the birth of the Citizens Committee of the 30th Ward, whereupon HARRIS gave a dissertation regarding the formation of the Citizens Committee, citing instances whereby the Negro in the 30th Ward had been discriminated against with regard to political representation. HARRIS stated that 22,000 Negroes residing in the 30th Ward had elected a White person as the ward leader of this ward in spite of the fact that only 5,000 White persons resided in this ward, further stating that not only did the Republican committeemen who were supposed to be the representatives of their constituents in the immediate districts elect a White ward chairman, but the Democratic committeemen in the 30th Ward had elected a White ward chairman also. HARRIS further cited instances whereby the Negro had been denied representation and stated that the purpose of the Citizens Committee was to eradicate and forever eliminate White leadership, further stating that

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the day had come when Negroes should have their own representa[illegible]ding such representatives responsible to no one but the people ele[illegible]m. HARRIS at this point cited a case whereby a Negro committeeman [illegible] in one of the local bureaus had requested the White ward leade[illegible] in[illegible] code for him on behalf of his not receiving the same wage as the White persons with whom he was working, in spite of the fact that he [illegible] forming the same duties. Whereupon, the White ward leader stated, in the presence of other Negro members of the War Committee, that he (the White ward leader) would not intercede for this Negro because he was the type Negro who stood on the corner of the 30th Ward and advocated Negro leadership in preference to White leadership. Therefore, this White ward leader refused to help the Negro committeeman simply because he (the Negro committeeman) was tired of being discriminated against and had complained regarding an injustice.

HARRIS further reviewed the conditions in the 30th Ward and stated that the members of the Citizens Committee had given their time and money in an effort to unite the Negroes so that they might come together as a body and help to eradicate the White leadership in an endeavor to have their own representatives and Negro leaders.

Following HARRIS' address, RICE introduced the celestial choir which consisted of approximately 22 persons who rendered two vocal selections, after which RICE gave a dissertation on the discrimination exercised against the Negro in the police and fire bureaus of this city, and the fact that the Negro fire house located at 10th and South Streets, Philadelphia, was over-manned by four persons because the White leaders of the city of Philadelphia refused to have mixed fire houses.

RICE stated another instance regarding the discrimination against Negroes whereby he referred to the Negro elevator operators employed by the City of Philadelphia over a long period of time and in spite of the fact that their employment as elevator operators had been satisfactory, no Negro had been elevated to the position of an elevator starter. RICE continued, citing other instances concerning the discrimination of Negroes in the municipal government, after which he introduced THEODORE SPAULDING, president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. SPAULDING spoke on the need for unity among Negroes, not only in the 30th Ward, but also among Negroes throughout the city of Philadelphia and the nation, stating that for the past 30 years, the N.A.A.C.P. had been doing a remarkable job fighting the cause of Negroes both locally and nationally, and only through their efforts have the Negroes been able to counteract the discriminatory practices against them to a certain degree. SPAULDING urged each person present to support the movement on hand relative to the organizing of the Negroes in the city of Philadelphia, stating that only through unity and organization will the Negro succeed in ascertaining his equal rights and opportunities.

SPAULDING further stated that the N.A.A.C.P. had been responsible for the integration of Negroes into many places which had heretofore been barred to persons of color. In concluding, SPAULDING urged each person to work in behalf of the N.A.A.C.P. during their membership drive over the next 30 days and urged them to send in suggestions to the local headquarters at 16th and Lombard Streets, commenting on whether or not they (the people) thought that the N.A.A.C.P. was doing everything to break down discrimination and segregation.

At the conclusion of SPAULDING'S address, the celestial choir rendered two other vocal selections, after which RICE introduced the principal speaker of the evening, the Reverent A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

POWELL, in his opening remarks, stated that his subject would be "Today's Negro and Tomorrow's World", stating, in substance, that we (meaning the people) are on the threshold of a new world - a new era. That we are fighting and are going to continue to fight so that our future generations will enjoy the privileges which we do not enjoy. That it will be hard to succeed but it was no longer up to the people of America to decide, as this world conflict had made the common people, the masses, of the whole world cognizant of the change that is taking place. That in this new era the people of India will not be satisfied with the imperialistic government of England, and when we speak of the Four Freedoms, the masses and the common people mean to get their Freedom. That only through fighting and unity can we, as Negroes, hope to achieve freedom and recognition.

That what reflects against the Negro in the 30th Ward reflects against the Negro in Philadelphia, the Negro in New York, the Negro in Mississippi and all of the Black people throughout the world. That the Yellow people of China also realize, too, that they must be included in this new era.

At this point, POWELL related the progress of the Negro in New York City as compared to the lackadaisical disinterested attitude of the Negro in Philadelphia, citing as an example the fact that Philadelphia has twice as many Negroes as New York and Chicago in proportion to the population; that in New York the Negro comprised 6.2% of the population; 6.8% of the population in Chicago and 13.2% of the population in Philadelphia, yet in New York City, the Negroes have one city magistrate paying $10,000. a year, one domestic court judge, one general sessions court judge, five district attorneys, two police lieutenants, and police commissioner, nine police sergeants, five court assemblymen, five state attorneys, five members on the college faculty, mixed schools, high school principals and 23% of the nurses in the city hospital are Negroes. That New York has seven full district Democrat Negro leaders, two Republican district leaders, two American labor party district leaders and seven co-leaders. While in Philadelphia, where the population of the Negro is approximately 275,000 persons, there was not one Negro on the police department in a position over a patrolman. That Philadelphia

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which has the distinction of having the most beautiful park in the world had 1000 park guards, none of whom were Negroes. That Philadelphia had segregated schools, no mixed faculties, no high school teachers, no high school principals; that four Negroes having PHD Degrees were still teaching in the elementary schools in spite of the fact that you have one Negro as a member of the Board of Education. (At this point, POWELL made some sort of gesture which made the audience laugh.) That Philadelphia has 49 judges, none of whom were Negroes, two assistant district attorneys which had never prosecuted a case in the courts of Philadelphia; a White press that is permitted to smear the Negro in Philadelphia with stories concerning the initiation of crime and a Negro press that does nothing about it.

POWELL, at this point, told of how the Peoples Committee of New York City had started with a group of 70 Negroes in an effort to place Negro bus drivers on the buses of the city of New York, and after canvassing, picketing, walking through the snow and rain, had been successful in corralling thousands of Negroes together at a mass meeting held in the Madison Square Garden which resulted in the placement of Negroes as bus drivers on the buses in the city of New York.

POWELL further related instances comparing them with the Negro districts of Philadelphia whereby in each Negro district of New York City, Negroes were the leaders and stated that in any Negro district of New York City that had as much as a 51% population, a Negro was not a co-leader, but a leader. Further stating, that a White person could not win any election in any Negro district in New York City without the support and approval of the Negroes in that district.

At this point, POWELL denounced such national leaders as DIES and other members of his committee, CONNELLY of Texas and other Southerners stating that these men and other "crackers" were doing everything in their power to hamper the progress of the Negroes in this country and see that the Negro would never have an equal opportunity; that men of this type are Fascists and now was the time for the Negroes and the masses to rise up and eliminate this Fascist form of government. Further stating that on the streets of Philadelphia, New York City and the streets of Mississippi, there is a new man, a new Negro, the common man, who is not willing to sit back and be continuously discriminated against, segregated and denied opportunities, but that he was willing to fight and work and do everything in his power to see that he gets an even break in this country. That the day of the "handkerchief head" Uncle Tom Negro, such as existed in the time of slavery when there were two types of Negroes - one the house Negro and the other the field Negro, was a thing of the past, that the only difference between a house Negro and a field Negro was that the house Negro got to the garbage pail quicker than the field Negro. That the house Negro never amounted to anything or contributed anything to the cause or the progress of the Negro; that the field Negro, as HARRIET TRUMAN, SOJOURNER TRUTH, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

and others were the only Negroes who had sacrificed and fought for equal opportunities for their people. That the Black people in all of the countries throughout the world are aware of the unfair attitude of the White man in his efforts to dominate the Black and Yellow people of the world and that the day has come when the common ordinary man, the masses, are rising up to refute this domination. That Russia was the only country in the world today where a Black man and a Jew and all other peoples had equal opportunities. That the people of Britain and America infer that Russia is Communist, but that is not true, because the people of Russia have discarded the teachings of STALIN and LENIN.

That the people of Africa, of China and of Russia are a part of this new world as Wendell Willkie stated in his new book "One World", the masses and the common people of the whole world are rising up because they will not be satisfied to live under the same conditions as they did prior to this War; that if the common people are not liberated, the masses of people, the common man, will rise up throughout the world.

POWELL further stated that a lot of people wanted to see a short War, but if a short War meant the continuation of the same conditions that exist today, he would like to see a long War. In fact, he did not care how long the War lasted, stating that a new world was being born as a result of this War and that all that the people want is one peace, one organization, one leadership, one fight and one victory, be it Black or White, Jew or Gentile, Baptist or Protestant, Indian or American, Democratic or Republican, Laborer or Professional, Politician or Preacher. That the people, the masses, the common people, were looking for a true leadership.

POWELL, at this point, gave a dissertation regarding the relationships existing between England and India, China and America, including the people of Africa stating it is the will of the masses and of the people that if this War is won they will not be content in sitting idly by and permitting a false treaty to be drawn up because if they do not get justice as a result of this War, then we might as well prepare for World War III because it was the failure of the Versailles Treaty that gave birth to Mussolini and Hitler, but at the conclusion of this War, when, if it comes, there will be no failure of a peace conference, because the people, the common man, will not tolerate it and if fairness is not dealt out to all the people, then it will bring World War III.

POWELL urged each person present to do everything in his power to insure the Citizens Committee of success in their efforts in fighting for Negro leadership so that their fight would not be in vain and urged them to continue to fight and to sacrifice in an endeavor to see that the Negro not only has representation in Philadelphia, but to continue to fight so that when the Black and Brown boys are now fighting across the waters can return, they will return to a Democracy which they will enjoy.

That these boys when they return will not be content with the [illegible] conditions under which they lived and that this new man who walks the streets of today will not be satisfied unless he has equal opportunities [illegible] in this new man there will be a new world created, a world created by the masses, the common people.

In concluding, POWELL stated, "It is better to die fighting for Freedom than to live in Slavery."

Informant observed approximately 1100 persons present, consisting of the average person, and who apparently resided in the 30th Ward or Wards adjacent to this district. Judging from the expressions of the people leaving the meeting, POWELL instilled in their minds food for thought. Throughout the address, the audience applauded enthusiastically and rose from their seats both at the beginning and at the conclusion of his address. A number of persons made remarks in the audience such as, "You're right", "Tell them", etc.

Attached hereto, under Exhibit 1, is a copy of a leaflet distributed at the meeting and at the churches in the 30th Ward prior to this meeting.

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District No. 1 Second Service Command
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82 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
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May 31st, 1943
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Subject: EDITORIAL in THE PEOPLE'S VOICE,
Negro Newspaper issue of 5/22/1943
Summary of Information:

1. The following editorial by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr. appeared in The People's Voice, Negro newspaper issue of May 22nd, 1943:

"HITLERISM at CAMP STEWART in GEORGIA MUST BE FOUGHT!"

The situation facing the noncommissioned officers of the 369th in Camp Stewart, Georgia, is extremely serious. It has already developed into a most bitter conflict between Southernism and the New Negro.
The 369th is not just another group of soldiers. They are better trained than the majority of their white and Negro brethern in the armed forces. There is not an anti-aircraft group anywhere that is their superior. They are the pride of Harlem. There are thousands of friends and relatives in New York City who are personally interested in their welfare. These men have not been getting the best deal.
It has been suggested in some quarters that they be moved from Camp Stewart. To me this would not solve the problem. To me the only solution of the problem would be to Democratize Camp Stewart. It is not the men of the 369th who need to be investigated but the officials of Camp Stewart.
Army life is not an easy life and there can be no guarantee of creature comforts, either at home or abroad. Yet, on the other hand, BLACK FIGHTING MEN

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ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME--NO MORE OR NO LESS--THAT WHITE WITHIN THEIR RECEIVE. They are entitled to equal facilities, equal treatment and the guarantee of the best possible health standards. According to the hundreds of letters that are pouring in these are not being met now.

We can't change these conditions by moving the group to a northern camp, nor can they be changed by the men of the SOUTH going AWOL. They can only be changed by an aroused citizenry, black and white, compelling the War Department to investigate and make the necessary changes immediately.

I talked to a regiment, off the record, a couple of months ago and I told them: 'You are in the army to fight Hitler. You let us who are on the home-front fight American Hitlerism.' This is still true. The men in the armed forces should keep us informed of all that is un-American and undemocratic but leave the fight up to us.

In time of war the army is a power unto itself. The army is the law. On the other hand, in a democratic country in the midst of a Freedom's conflict, the army must never lose its sensitivity to the peoples' wishes and desires. The people must be heard. Whenever there is a refusal to hear them, and the powers that be become insensitive to the people, then we have re-used our fighting men and our conflict to a totalitarian basis.

The Negro people of New York are extremely concerned over the problem of Camp Stewart, Georgia. More than our concern it is the concern of every right thinking, black and white member of this Democracy. It must lay heavy on the conscience of America. There can be no full victory until that conscience is purged. As a war measure steps must be taken and taken immediately.

This is the open advice of one who knows intimately the hearts and minds of the masses of people who are fighting at home and abroad. We repeat again: "WE CANNOT DEFEAT HITLER ABROAD AND LET HITLERISM RUN UP AND DOWN THE STREETS OF AMERICA."

CLARENCE E. LOVEJOY,
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June 19, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: PEOPLE's VOICE (Negro weekly newspaper)
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are clippings of interest taken from the above publication of June 5 and 12, 1943.

Your attention is called to the clipping entitled "Soldier's Letter Reveals Abuses" in which a soldier, whose name is not disclosed, purportedly writes the People's Voice protesting racial abuses to him and other negro soldiers in southern camps. Attention is also directed to the clipping entitled "More Beefs From Soldiers" in which a Negro soldier, name not disclosed, writes the People's Voice protesting acts of discrimination and segregation at Camp Forest, Tennessee.

Of the June 5th issue also enclosed, attention is called to the clipping reporting a Brooklyn rally condemning Jim Crow in Georgia "Hell Hole" where former members of the 369th Coast Artillery are stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia.

Among June 12th's clippings enclosed, your attention is directed to an article written by RICHARD SHANNON entitled "Mississippi Sheriff Kills Soldier; Asks Negro Regiment Moved North" in which he claims the tax rulers are drumming up mob violence against Negro soldiers at Camp Van Dorn and the killing of a Negro private, name not disclosed, by Sheriff WHITTAKER at Centerville City.

It is reported that the publication of such instances in the People's Voice tends to cause considerable conversation among Negro elements and Communistically dominated groups concerning discrimination in the South and in the armed forces which apparently results in the reluctance of Negro inductees toward entering the armed services.

A copy of the enclosed is being retained in the files of the New York Office and in the future, clippings of interest from this publication will be furnished the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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White Sailor Scores Poll Tax From Gallery Seat in House

WASHINGTON (FP)—The House was electrified, May 25, during the hottest part of debate on HR 7, Vito Marcantonio's (ALP, NY) bill repealing the poll tax, when a young sailor stepped out on a gallery ledge and said, "Mr. Speaker, I speak for the thousands who can't be here. Why should a man have to pay to vote but not to fight?"

Grabbed on all sides by gallery doorkeepers and police, he said with dignity he'd go quietly. He was Evan O. Jones, 1, of Los Angeles, veteran of several battles, including Singapore, in two years at sea. Before being sent to his ship, the sailor said, "Those men in there are fighting the Civil war over again. Why don't they get into thinking about this war?"

He didn't get to stay for it, but Sailor Jones would have been pleased at the vote: 265 to 110. Among the 10 Republicans against it were the anti-labor John Taber (NY) and Clare Hoffman (Mich.) and Noah Mason (Ill.) of the Dies committee.

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PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE TO MEET IN CORONA

The Corona Branch of the People's Committee sponsored a public rally and meeting, Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m., at the Corona Congregational Church, 33-15 102 st., Corona.

The meeting outlined plans for future community organization and welfare. Rev. Adam Clayton Powell of the New York People's Committee, was the guest speaker.

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Leader Bruce Opposed By New Carver Club

Joe Ford, president of the newly formed Carver Democratic Club in the 21st Assembly District, last week bitterly denounced the Herbert Bruce opposition for its charge that Ford's club was supporting a white candidate for the leadership, and predicted Bruce's loss of leadership.

Mr. Ford in an interview at the Carver Club, 2388 7th ave., offered in substantiation of his position, the fact that two of the most outstanding advocates for Negro leadership, Adam C. Powell and Dr. Lucien Brown, are on his Committee to Fill Vacancies, and that their names appear on every petition.

The Carver Club is circulating a petition for a County Committee of its choosing that will oppose Hubert Bruce as Democratic leader of the 21st Assembly District. The County Committee elects the

There are 51 Election Districts in the 21st Assembly District and according to Mr. Ford, the Carver Club has selected a strong candidate to run for office of Committeeman in each election district.

President Ford, who is secretary to Councilman Powell and administrator of the Peoples Committee, when asked if the Peoples Committee endorsed his club, stated that his political activities were separate and apart from the committee.

Asked why the new club had been formed, Ford said: "Bruce has monopolized the leadership in the 21st Assembly District for a number of years to the detriment of a progressive community which showed potentialities for a greater growth."

He further pointed out that the people had demonstrated their eagerness to move forward last year when they elected to the City Council Adam Clayton Powell jr whose campaign was under Ford's direction. Mr. Ford said he did not expect much opposition, not even as much as was shown in his campaign to elect Powell.

As further proof of the club's strength, Ford cited the presence of Adam C. Powell's and Dr. Lucien Brown's names on the petitions. He also advised all progressive Democrats in the 21st AD not to sign any petition unless these names were on them.

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Soldier's Letter Reveals Abuses

According to the following letter, the 494th Port Battalion is buried in a hell hole down in New Orleans.

"... The first indecency we had to contend with, was being referred to as 'Niggers,' 'Darkies' and 'Black Birds' by Southern crackers with commissions.

"Another incident that happened a few weeks ago, a white military police handed his gun to a white civilian outside of a dance hall, called the Rhythm Club of New Orleans, and the civilian killed a Negro soldier with it coldbloodedly.

"The only Negro eye-witness to the scene, the incredible scene, was a Negro soldier and I found out today that he is being shipped out of New Orleans by special orders, to prevent him from testifying in this case.

"Today's happening occurred in the mess hall at noon. White soldiers and white lieutenants have charge of this 100% Negro mess hall. A soldier reached for a tray, which in line and three trays fell on the floor on the opposite side of the rack. When he stepped up for his rations one of the mess officers collared him and tried to [illegible] over the railing.

"When the boy refused to come over, the officer called the Officer of the Day who told the lad to come out of line. When the soldier replied that he was going to eat, the officer said: 'God damn it, don't you know I will shoot the ... out of you, you black son-of-a-b ..'

"When this happened every one stood up. The five officers realizing their position in a hall crowded with Negro soldiers, ordered everyone out of the mess hall, and those who were eating were ordered to throw their food into the trash can. I do not know what happened to the soldier.

"About a month ago Blackstone, the magician, was here in camp with his troop of actors. This show was supposed to be for all who had passes, yet 90 percent of the Negroes with passes were denied entrance. Why?"

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HOME-BEEFS FROM SOLDIERS

Sir: I have been a reader of your newspaper for quite some time, even though I have been in the army. I had read several stories of segregation of Negro troops on government reservations, but not until I arrived at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, did I realize just how bad it is.

My unit is a very good one and in turn is one of the very few colored artillery outfits and also possibly the only one with all colored officers.

At Camp Forrest we were deliberately segregated in the theater and ordered to vacate our seats when we sat in other sections—by sailors and white MP units. Some of our officers went to the same place and were ordered out when they refused to move or give up their seats. Now, I ask you, what chance has an enlisted man got when these atrocities happen to our officers?

I'm from New York myself and the majority of the others are from Chicago and Detroit. These things are bitter pills for us to swallow.

The one thing I did do was to take the address of the committee that can put the pressure on down in Washington to several fellows so that they can write. That address I secured from your paper.

Respectfully,
A Soldier
(Name omitted
for obvious reasons)

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Randolph To Visit Canada

A. Philip Randolph, international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Bennie Smith, second international vice-president, will visit Toronto and Montreal, Canada, for the purpose of completing plans for taking up the case of sleeping car porters of the Canadian Pacific Railway with the Ministry of Labor of the Dominion of Canada.

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B'klyn Rally Condemns Jimcro in Ga. Hell Hole

Three thousand indignant Brooklynites jammed Alexander High School, Albany ave and Bergen st, to protest conditions at Camp Stewart, Ga., where former members of the 369th Coast Artillery are stationed.

The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Save Our Soldiers Committee was backed by the local NAACP headed by John Yancy. It resulted in three thousand new NAACP members thus sending over the top the current membership drive headed by Maude Richardson.

Almost every civic organization was represented in the parade which got under way at 8 pm headed by local Boy Scouts.

Charles Kellar presided at the meeting which began at 6:00 pm.

SPEAKERS HIT JIMCRO

Speakers included the following:

- Major Miles Paige: "We must get the boys out of Dixie quickly in order to maintain the morale of Negroes here in NY."
- Councilman Peter V. Cachione: "The fight against jimgro in the Army is no greater fight than the fight against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's discrimination."
- Rev. Scott of Nazarene Congregational Church: "The time has arrived for Negroes to do things without depending on whites."
- Alfred Baker Lewis: "Negroes and whites must work together."—This statement became the cause celebre of the meeting as it immediately followed Scott's statement.
- Councilman Adam Clayton Powell jr: "The Negro Freedom Rally to be held June 7 at Madison Square Garden will elect a delegation to leave the same night for aWshington, D.C. They will seek immediate conferences with the President, the Secretary of War and others in order to discuss the situation of the Negro in the army."

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NOTE: "Labor Leader Killed," the column written by [illegible] C. Smith, is omitted in this issue, but will reappear in this space next week as usual.

An Open Letter To The President

Dear Mr. President:

By this time next year I expect to be dead.

I am of draft age but have not as yet been inducted into the army. While I am in civilian clothes it is easy for those who advocate the master race doctrine in America to look down on me because I am a Negro. It is easy for American fascists to think of me as being docile, ignorant, lazy, humorous, incorigible, and interior. That is what everybody says I am. The white newspapers say it; the radio says it; the motion pictures say it and the schools say it. I have heard it so often that I have said it to myself at times; but I know better now! Even so, the constitution gives Uncle Tom his birthright and the Atlantic Charter reaffirms his right to freedom.

But when I don the khaki of Uncle Sam's Army, the act of dressing up as a SOLDIER OF FREEDOM will give me an adequate dose of dignity. In the uniform of a United States soldier I shall refuse to accept the humiliation formerly heaped upon me by Hitler's henchmen in America. I shall come to realize the full meaning of Patrick Henry's statement, "give me liberty or give me death." I shall be able to think of no better words to use if and when I am sent to a southern army camp, where a week seldom passes that does not see some Negro soldiers of freedom killed because they had the courage to stand up and say that human freedom in Germany is the same as human freedom in Georgia. After I take the oath and swear to defend the constitution against all enemies, I will consider it my duty to defend it against the cruel advocates of the master race doctrine at home.

I am not inviting death because I have only begun to live. But there are thousands of Negro soldiers like me, who knowing, perhaps, they must give up their lives for the cause of freedom, have decided to make this greatest gift—this supreme act of charity—begin at home.

In other words, Mr. President, when I shall have been inducted into the armed services of this country, I shall there persistently, more vigorously and more definitely attack the foes of liberty in the United States. I shall consider it my duty to do this at risk of life and limb. I shall denounce with all my might the double standard of "democ-racy" and I will correctly define democracy.

There is no other course left open to me, yet I know I will not prevail upon them to change. Even though I speak the truth my voice is too small to be heard. These American mongers of the master race doctrine will quickly and deftly silence me. They think that by killing me and all like me who speak on for full freedom at home they will have solved their problem. They will fail just as surely as Hitler has failed to do this identical thing in Europe. You and I know that the ideal of human freedom cannot be squelched by killing the man in whose breast it is borne.

The fascists have already decided to give me death as they have given it to many of my buddies before me. They will kill me and the report will read "Death by Accident." But my free friends will know my death resulted because I was fighting fascism. They will tell others who will in turn tell others, until finally the result will be as if a thousand men have been killed instead of one. The seeds of human freedom are being carried everywhere by this current whirlwind.

I though I would tell you about these things, Mr. President. First, because there is such a large number of Negroes and others both in and out of the army of the United States who feel as I do. Secondly, since you are Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army and co-author of the Atlantic Charter which embodies the four freedoms, you might want to do something about this situation before it is too late.

Respectfully,

Mack R. Green
928 E Market st

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Miss Negro War Worker Represents New Woman

The new American Negro woman will be officially represented at the Negro Freedom Rally in Madison Square Garden next Monday night by Belle Calhoun, chosen last week as Miss Negro War Worker.

Mrs. Calhoun, chief wire operator of the Lincoln Manufacturing Company, was chosen only after careful study of the war and labor activities of candidates from a wide assortment of other war plants. She is considered as typical of Negro women in industry because she was not specially trained for her work; because she had never held an industrial job before the war, and because she has several male relatives serving in her country's armed forces.

BELLE CALHOUN

Before employment at Lincoln, Mrs. Calhoun was a domestic worker, a beauty parlor operator, and a housewife. She faced, as do the majority of Negro women who want to participate in the war effort, persistent and discouraging discrimination. She was shut out of job possibilities on the basis of her color and denied job training opportunities.

At a press conference in the Hotel Theresa last Thursday, Mrs. Calhoun stated that she wanted to continue in her work after the war—if it is at all possible. Member of her plant's labor-management committee and shop steward of Local 24, Wire and Metal Workers' Union, CIO, Miss Negro War Worker feels that the future of the Negro must be allied with the Trade Union movement if it is to be a strong one.

Mrs. Calhoun will be presented with a $25 war bond at the Negro Freedom Rally, Monday, June 7, in recognition of her enthusiastic support of the war effort. She her self has purchased her tenth war bond. She is also a member of the AWVS and a strong supporter of the Harlem Servicemen's Center.

She is typical of most Negroes, who, though opposed to the Red Cross jim-crow bank, have nevertheless donated their money and their blood.

H. Gould, head of Lincoln, tol dthe press that Mrs. Calhoun is a strong force for high morale in the plant where Negroes and whites are employed on almost 50-50 basis. The committee responsible for her choice as Miss Negro War Worker felt that she is symbolic of the sincere effort of thousands of Negro women who want to help production for war and at the same time preserve their homes for the return of their men from the armed services. She is a member of a social club and Allen AME church in Jamaica.

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Walled City Project Plan Before Board

The storm of controversy aroused over Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's proposal to build a tax-exempt "walled city fostering discrimination" in New York, will come to a head, Thursday, when final consideration of the plan goes to the Board of Estimate. Passed last week by the City Planning Commission by a vote of 5-1, the plan has been violently attacked and as violently upheld.

Gist of the plan is this: Taking advantage of the Hampton Law (passed to encourage housing projects built by insurance companies with municipal cooperation) the Metropolitan submitted proposals for "Stuyvesant Town." To be erected at a cost of $50,000,000, the project would be tax exempt for 25 years, benefit from the City's gift of 504,499 square feet of land, and receive aid from the city in assembling the land chosen. Tax exemptions over the 5 year period would amount to a probable $25,000,000.

MAY-BE-POSTWAR

Although its backers have admitted that Stuyvesant Town may not be built until after the war, and certainly not for several years, attempts have been made to rush the proposal through the usual legislative channels.

A group of property owners in the district chosen for the new project, represented by Manahem Stim, lawyer of 25 Broadway, filed petition for a temporary injunction, until they had the opportunity to obtain a court decision on the constitutionality of the Hampton Law. Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer denied the motion, but granted an order requiring the city to show just cause why the Board of Estimate should not be restrained.

Strong advocate of the project was [redacted], Commissioner of Parks, Robert Moses. Last week Moses made a bitter attack on those who oppose the project on grounds that it encourages discrimination and denies civil liberties.

Said Moses: "The plan is fair in every respect. None of the objections put forth have any substance. Those who insist upon making projects of this kind battleground for the vindication of social objectives, no matter how desirable . . . are obviously looking for a political issue. . . ."

PROTESTS POUR IN

Tenants in the East Side area under consideration maintain they do not live in a slum area. Protests against the proposal (unless it is amended to drop discrimination and include public school, park, and recreational provisions) have poured into the Mayor's office from most progressive groups in the city. Among them are City-Wide Citizens' Committee on Harlem, Greater New York Industrial Union Council March-On-Washington, Civil Liberties Committee, and many church and civic groups. A resolution introduced into the City Council by Councilmen A. Clayton Powell, Jr and Stanley M. Isaacs requested a provision barring discrimination in the contract between City and the Insurance Company. A City ordinance introduced by them at the same time forbids discrimination in tax-exempt re-development projects.

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NAACP War Conference to Hold Spotlight in Nation's Events

DETROIT—Delegates from 35 states and the District of Columbia have registered for the NAACP emergency war conference here June 3 thru 6 at Second Baptist Church 441 Monroe st.

Walter White, executive secretary of the Association will deliver the keynote address at the opening session, Thursday night. Other speakers will be Albert E. Cobo, city treasurer; Ramon Scruggs, Shelton Tappes, Fred X. Martel, Rabbi Morris Adler, L. C. Blount and Rev. L. L. Bradly.

The highlight of the conference will be the mass meeting in the huge Olympica Stadium, Sunday, June 6 at which Congressman Will Rogers will present the Spingarn award to Judge William H. Hastie, former Civilian Aide to Secretary of War, who resigned the post last January in protest against discrimination in the air force.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Scheduled conference discussions are: "The Armed Forces," by Judge Hastie; the session is to be presided over by H. L. LaGrone of Albuquerque, N. Mex.; "Manpower," led by Earl Dickerson, of Chicago, with Dr. George D. Flemmings of Fort Worth, Texas, presiding; "Treatment of the Negro in the Press, Radio and Motion Picture," led by George Schuyler, associate editor of the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and Albert Deutsh, of PM.

"The Securing of Democracy at Home," will be discussed by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, with Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Oklahoma City *Black Dispatch* presiding. Channing Tobias of the national YMCA will discuss, "The Church as a Force for Democratic Rights," with L. Pearl Mitchell of Cleveland presiding.

DOROTHY MAYNOR PRESENT

Dorothy Maynor, nationally famous soprano, will lead an anticipated crowd of 20,000 in singing of the national anthem at stadium gathering with Philip Murray—

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Spanish Anti-Fascists Enroute to Mexico

The State Department announced this week that 3,000 Spanish Republicans still held in North African concentration camps, would soon be brought to a U.S. port enroute to Mexico. This announcement was hailed as a major victory of the American people by Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, following a meeting of the organization's Executive Board, Tuesday evening.

Dr. Barsky, who received the communication from Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, announcing the pending rescue of these first anti-fascist fighters, declared that the powerful determination of the American people to see justice done to these heroes of the Spanish Republic is responsible in large measure for this historical move by the U.S. government.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have the Asiatic and African colonials benefited so far from the war?

PRO: *Billy Rowe*
Journalist
NYC

Yes. The very basis of this world conflict, whether we admit it or not, is the struggle for world liberation and that includes certainly the long oppressed millions of Asia, Africa, and other colonial possessions. We can't restrict the fight for freedom to a few European countries. The very roots of this global war rest in a history of the exploitation of the African and Asiatic peoples by European countries. Any other approach to the problem would be superficial and would bring only a temporary victory and a temporary peace. If the speeches of Wendell Willkie, Under Secretary Wells, Vice President Wallace, Pearl Buck and many other sincere people who are affecting our concepts and actions in this war, mean anything, they certainly indicate that the world today is becoming more and more aware of the necessity to extend freedom and democracy to the oppressed people of Africa and Asia. Most of the world has accepted the idea that India should be freed immediately. The receptions accorded Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and President Barclay by official America is almost revolutionary in view of the fact that Washington is packed with South-o-crats. Two vital members of the United Nations who will sit at the peace table, are China and the Soviet Union, neither of which practice race discrimination.

CON: *Donellan J. Phillips*
Pres., Consoldated Tenants League, NYC.

No. As long as we have race prejudice and doctrines of race inferiority in high places, we cannot come to a solution of world politics. Only last week the most powerful and wealthiest financial organization in the world (the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) tried to sneak through official channels a proposition that was downright fascist in its nature. This company rolls in nearly one billion dollars of Negro people's money, yet it tried to insult these people by excluding them from a housing project it wants to build with the help of millions in tax exemption. Negroes must pay these taxes. Now wouldn't you think the Rockefellers and Wall Street (who are the real Metropolitan) would show greater responsibility in war time and try to show the world Hitler is wrong when he says democracy is a lie? Wouldn't you think the oppressed countries of Europe would free India, the Malay States, and Africa, if they meant business? I think the people themselves would do better if they had the chance. But it is the same old imperialist crowd that still runs things. The trouble lies in the fact that only Russia and China have really suffered in this war. America has paid in coin and materials and Britain has fought a relatively safe war with her eye on the status quo. When we have all shed the sweat and blood of China and Russia then the story will be different.

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Mississippi Sheriff Kills Soldier; Asks Negro Regiment Moved North

By RICHARD SHANNON
(PV's Southern Bureau)

JACKSON,, Miss.—Mississippi's poll tax rulers are drumming up mob violence against Negro soldiers at Camp Van Dorn, and one Negro private is already dead at the hands of swashbuckling, gun-toting Sheriff Richard Whittaker of Centreville.

Two officers from the office of the inspector general of the War Department were reportedly in Centreville, ait of Camp Van Dorn to investigate race trouble that has flared up in the Mississippi town following repeated insults hurled at the soldiers of the 64th Infantry.

Steering clear o fany possible criticism for failure to protect the soldiers, Centreville's Mayor Omer Carroll has wired Governor Paul Johnson and Mississippi congressmen demanding that they take steps to have the infantrymen sent north.

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"FOMENTING RIOTS"

In his wire, Mayor Carroll alleged, without giving proof, that:

"This regiment is fomenting race riots and openly boasts that it has come to clean out Mississippi. Consider this request of utmost urgency as serious race riots are expected if this regiment is allowed to remain here."

Mayor Carroll's statements in this wire are clear incitements to prejudiced whites to fall to and butcher Negro troops. Under the official code" of Dixie, all trouble between the races must always be blamed on the Negro. Sharecroppers are accused, under this code, of committing rape, and Negro soldiers of "fomenting race riots."

The soldiers stationed at the jim-crow army camp have been tense and uneasy following the cold-blooded killing of their comrade on Sunday afternoon, May 30.

NAME WITHHELD

The name of the private who was killed had not been disclosed late this week. Centreville City Marshall Robert J. Knighton claimed he drove up with Sheriff Whittaker as the private was allegedly "resisting arrest" by a military policeman and trying to seize the policeman's gun.

"Sheriff Whittaker was forced to shoot the n——r," said Marshal Knighton, standing by his friend.

Governor Johnsoin wired the war department asking that the 364th infantry be "investigated" and quoted Mayor Carroll's letter.

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SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

THE MORNING TIMES and Herald Tribune carry the most significant statement concerning democracy, the war, the post-war world and the Negro people that has yet been issued. It is the unanimous decision of the War Labor Board ordering the south to cease its practice of paying lower wages to Negro workers and immediately to start paying equal pay for equal work irrespective of whether a man is black or white.

The statement was wrirtten by Dr. Frank P. Graham, a member of the Board, and the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina. I urge that every Negro and white read it and if possible memorize it. I present to you one of the more meaningful paragrraphs:

"Whether as vigorous fighting men or for production of food and munitions, America needs the Negro; the Negro needs the equal opportunity to work and fight. The Negro is necessary for winning the war, and, at the same time, is a test of our sincerity in the cause for which we are fighting. More hundreds of millions of colored people are involved in the outcome of this war than the combined populations of the Axis powers. Under Hitler and his Master Race, their movement is backward to slavery and despair. In America the colored people have the freedom to struggle for freedom."

The destiny of the new Negro is the destiny of the world. WITHOUT THE NEGRO THERE CAN BE NO DURABLE PEACE; NO LASTING POSTWAR SOCIETY; NO CENTURY OF THE COMMAN MAN; AND NO FOUR FREEDOMS.

In the language of Newbold Morris speaking before the Board of Estimate last week: "One hundred years from now for Negroes and whites to live together will be too late. The Democratic way of life is on trial. THE TIME IS NOW AND THE PLACE IS NEW YORK CITY."

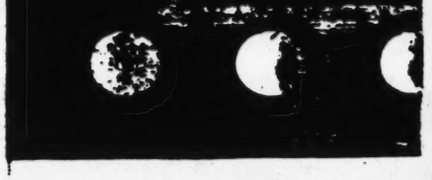
THE FUTURE OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, POLITICAL PARTIES, RACIAL MINORITIES, THE CHURCH—PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC—AND DEMOCRACY IS IRRETRIEVABLY AND IRREVOCABLY BOUND UP WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BLACK MAN.

Because we demand justice, we have been called "subversive, traitors and guilty of treason." This is an all-out, damnable lie. The Negro people are the most loyal element in America.

I will tell you who the traitors and subverasive elements are:

- Men in Congress and Senate who would rather waste Democracy's time than to pass the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. Men like Rankin, Dies, Cox, Bilbo and Connally.
- The America First Committee, which tried to sell America short before Pearl Harbor, and who started to gain last week.
- The Klu Klux Klan in Detroit stirring up hate strikes between white workers and Negro workers.
- The people who are jim-crowing our boys in the armed forces; who beat and kill Negro men in uniform, and the officials of Camp Stewart, Georgia, who have forced the best anti-aircraft regiment in the world, the 369th, to live in horrible conditions.
- The man who put through the Board of Estimate the other day a contract which will build here in the heart of Manhattan, a southern town with all the worst elements of Hitlerism in it. A town which will bt built with twenty-five million tollars of taxpayers' money—your money. A town which will be built by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. that has two million Negro policyholders with close to a billion dollars worth of policies.

We are merely demanding full and equal participation in all the burdens, crosses, crises and a share of all the joys, responsibilities and crowns of Democracy.



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It's Either Uncle Tom or Fite!

THE TIME has arrived for a Negro to be either an Uncle Tom or a radical.

THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND IN TODAY'S WORLD.

THE LUXURY OF NEUTRALITY OR ISOLATION IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

WHAT ARE YOU? An UNCLE TOM OR A RADICAL?

Every step forward since the foundation of the earth has been taken by men who broke with the past—men who were radicals.

EVERY NEGRO WHO STAYS AWAY FROM THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING THIS MONDAY IS A SELF-BRANDED UNCLE TOM.

On Monday, June 7, at Madison Square Garden the Negro people of Greater New York take another step forward. This is your rally IF you are not an Uncle Tom. It is the rally at which you will demonstate to an indifferent world that Negro people have come of age.

THE PURPOSE—

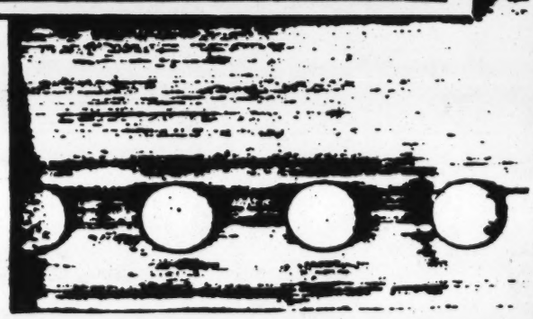
- To demand full and equal participation of fifteen millio npeople in producing goods for victory.
- To demand that all forms of discrimination in the armed forces and in war industries cease immediately.
- To demand that there be no consederaton of a post-war world, officially or unofficially, without full participation of Negro representatives.
- To demand that there shall be full and complete freedom of all people throughout the world in the post-war era.
- To demand the complete abolition of the Poll Tax now.
- To plan for full voting participation by all Negroes throughout the nation in the forthcoming political campaign.
- To unite all people—black and white—behind the victory effort of our country.
- To demonstrate to white America that there can be no just peace without full consideration of fifteen million black folk.

In addition to the great speakers there will be the monster pageant written especially by Langston Hughes—FOR THIS WE FIGHT. All this for 44c. You will be buying a share in freedom. You will sit in on the greatest historic meeting that Negroes have ever held. You will have taken your place as a member of the vanguard of the New Negro.

What are you, friend, UNCLE TOM OR A RADICAL? The Uncle Toms will be hiding next Monda ynight, but the New Negro will be at Madison Square Garden.

I'll be seeing you.

"We Cannot Be Bought" — EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE — "We Will Not Be Sold."



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Write-Wire Your Senators to Vote For and Pass the Anti-Poll Tax Bill

SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

POWELL

NO ONE can appreciate the full significance of this war nor can he be a citizen of the post-war people's world until he has read ONE WORLD by Wendell Wilkie.

Fortunately this book has been put out in a cheaper edition of one dollar, which is not only plenty good enough for anyone, but happens to be much easier reading. The phenomenal sale of over a millon copies to date is not only a testimony to the greatness of this book, but a testimony to the greatness of the author. Wendell Wilkie without a shadow of a doubt is the first world-citizen to emerge from the present conflict. He is the one great world figure who refuses to think behind the cobwebe of yesterday's world ofdi vision and isolationism.

Willkie knows the world because he knows the people. He knows that there have been let loose by this war, certain forces that have now gone beyond the powers of any leader or combination of leaders to recall. Itis his deep conviction that these forces have brought about a great awakening of the common peoples of the earth. He directly ties up the world-wide war in what he terms "our imperialisms at home."

If there is anything that stands out for the Negro reader more than any other item in this book it is what Mr. Wilkie calls "the twilight of imperialism." One great phrase bears burning into our minds "to have freedom we must give freedom." I will never forget the sign that one of the marchers carried in Washington, D. C., the other Saturday morning the parade of ten thousand blacks and whites for Negro bus drivers. That sign said—"IF NEGROES ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO DRIVE TANKS IN TUNISIA, THEY ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO DRIVE TROLLEYS IN WASHINGTON, D. C."

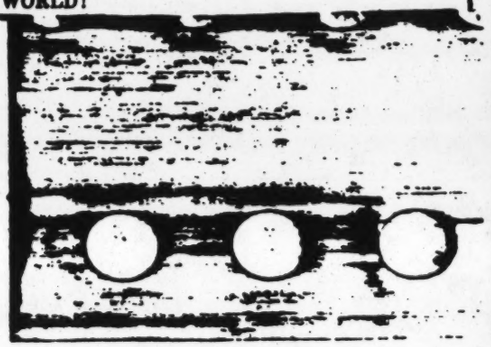
That is just what Wendell Wilkie is trying to state. Not only as regards Negro people but as regards the people of Africa, Asia and especially those of the Soviet and China. The destinies of the common people of the world are at last inextricably intertwined in this one ideal —A PEOPLE'S WORLD.

We as Negro people must not let anyone at anytime attack the common people of any other nation and any other race.

Any time an individual attacks other common people, though he may attack them only to us, it will eventually reflect on ourselves. There is no such thing as "poor white trash," or kikes, or wops, or aheenies, or reds, or chinks. Jew, Italian, Irish, Russian, Chinese—ALL ARE OUR ALLIES.

WE ARE ALL POTENTIAL CITIZENS OF ONE WORLD.

That's what our Negro Freedom Rally is for—ONE PEOPLE! ONE FIGHT! ONE WORLD!



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Alabama White Dailies Blast Riots At Mobile Shipyard as Axis Aids

By PV Special Correspondent

MOBILE, Ala.—Last Tuesday, the same day the anti-poll tax bill was introduced into the House of Representatives, a roving mob of white workers at the Alabama Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Co., armed with steel bars, pieces of lead pipe and scrap iron, made a sneak attack upon Negro workers and drove the morning shift of over 2,000 men and women from their jobs.

The outbreak followed the report coming from a reliable source that much "table talk" had gone on in the Kiwanis Club among Montgomery legislators and Dixon's followers that riots would result if the bill passed.

The workers, taken completely by surprise, suffered many casualties, with several women among the more than a score who suffered bone fractures and other severe injuries.

PRESS SCORES OUTBREAK

The *Mobile Register*, white daily, and the *Mobile Press* condemned the attack on the Negro workers who were guiltless of any aggressions and characterized the violent demonstration as a great day for Hitler. The Birmingham, Ala., *Age-Herald*, influential white daily, following a lengthy editorial analysis and condemnation of the outbreak, concluded: "The right of all citizens to work in peace and safety must be protected. That is fundamental in human justice. Moreover, it is an urgent necessity in behalf of our country in its time of great danger and need."

The violent, unprovoked attack started on ships under construction on Ways No. 5 and 6 and spread rapidly throughout the yard. All evidence indicates that the mob action was carefully planned and systematically organized. Following the rioting, workers left their jobs in droves.

"HITLER-INSPIRED"

Charles Hanson, regional director of the International Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America (CIO), the bargaining agency for the Addaco workers, and D. R. Dunlop, president of the company, have branded the rioting a "Hitler-inspired action" and urged the workers to return to their jobs.

Col. Robert E. Josey, commander of the State Guard companies ordered to Mobile by Gov. Chauncey Sparks issued a statement declaring "The State will protect any man, regardless of color, who wants to work."

In spite of the presence on the scene of a large number of State Highway patrolmen —— companies of regular army troops from Bolling Field, armed with machine-guns, 6,000 Negro workers have not been re-assured, by Saturday, less than 200 had reported for work, and hundreds are fleeing the city.

THE REAL FACTS

It has been claimed that the resentment of the white workers to the presence of Negroes on the job was inflamed by assigning of Negro welders last Monday night to work in the yards. Following an all-day conference Friday, it was announced that agreement had been made on the plan for continuing the up-grading of Negroes but at the same meeting the objections expressed by the striking and rioting white workers.

The plan, in all likelihood, will call for the segregation of the Negro workers on specified ship ways after the pattern of the Sun Ship Co.

The following factors served to charge the atmosphere for the mob attack:

Unrelieved grievances of white workers such as favoritism in promotions; no uniform standards of upgrading and classification, and inefficient management;

No incentive pay plan resulting in low production. The Negro welding crew worked the night shift Monday, without incident. According to the foreman, the crew did as much work on its first night on the job as white crews have been completing in a week, with the result that white welders accused them of speeding up the job;

Weakness of the Union in the yards. Union leadership has little influence over workers;

Backwardness of white workers. Thousands are from the hills and plantations of Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, and Alabama, with no human attitudes towards Negroes, no appreciation of labor unity and organization, and no understanding of the issues of the war. The company has rejected union proposals for a systematic, patriotic program of education of these workers; on the contrary, has exploited their backwardness as a buffer against the further extension of the union's influence;

Presence of white women on jobs with Negro men, giving rise to inflammatory sex rumors, social equality bugaboo, etc.

Craft prejudices of painters, welders, etc., against Negroes and women "lowering the dignity" of their trades by receiving equal ratings and equal pay;

LACK OF HOUSING

Lack of adequate housing, transporation and recreational facilities in the city, social irritants which deep tempers eternally at razor-edge;

Finally, all of the mentioned factors which have gone on for months, have prepared the stage for reactionaries of every stripe to play upon their prejudices and grievances with the resulting mob rioting and interruption of war effort.

Mobile has been the happy-hunting ground of Horace Wilkerson and ex-Governor Dixon's League for White Supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan and direct Axis agents.

SITUATION TENSE

The atmosphere is still charged with expectancy and the tension runs high. The city is heavily patroled by armed deputies, police and soldiers. All pedestrians are forced to keep moving. All meetings are banned; liquor sales have been stopped and taverns closed.

This correspondent talked with one of the more seriously injured workers at the home of her sister before she was taken to the hospital. She is Virginia Richardson, 18 years old, a slight, 95-pound brown-skin girl. She has a five-month's old baby and her husband is in the army. She worked as a sweeper. When the mob began its attack in the far end of the yard, she was high up on a ship.

A Negro worker picked her up and carried her down the gangway toward the ferry, but the mob overtook them. The man carrying her was struck down and suffered a compound fracture of the jaw and other injuries about the head. Mrs. Richardson tried to escape but was overtaken by a white man who struck her with a steel slab, continuing to beat her after she fell to the ground.

She managed to hobble to the pier where other Negro workers carried her across on the ferry, then she collapsed. She suffered a fracture of the pelvis, ruptured left ovary, injury of the left kidney and injury in the lumbar region of the spine. She identified her foreman, "Mr. Wickerson," as one of the ringleaders in the fight. One man, James M. Jackson, 103 N. Clairborne, has been arrested and charged with assault upon an unknown Negro with intent to kill. Other arrests are expected.

Other workers interviewed and who were on the scene and were attack victims, made the following comments:

Z. Campbell, a bolt tender: "I'm getting the hell out of this town. They came at us like beasts!"

Joe ——: "I gotta wife in Mobile and five children. I get sixty-three cents an hour as a laborer. I need the job so I gotta stay. I hope I don't get killed."

E. R. Richards: "200 Negro chippers work on Pinto Island side by side with the white workers; we ain't had no trouble. All this with the welders. A lot of 'em are Mississippians that ain't never seen a welding torch before they came here."

Vernon Carter: "I'm leaving. Release or no release. I'm going in the army. I know I might get killed if I go overseas, but I'll have a gun and I can fight back."

Charlie King: "As far as I'm concerned, I'm going to stick here. That's what they want us to do—run away. I'm not afraid of 'em. All the white guys aren't against us. Some of the whites tried to stop them. Many of them ran off the job with us when the gang came. . . . A lot of these white folks ain't got no patriotism; they are just here for money."

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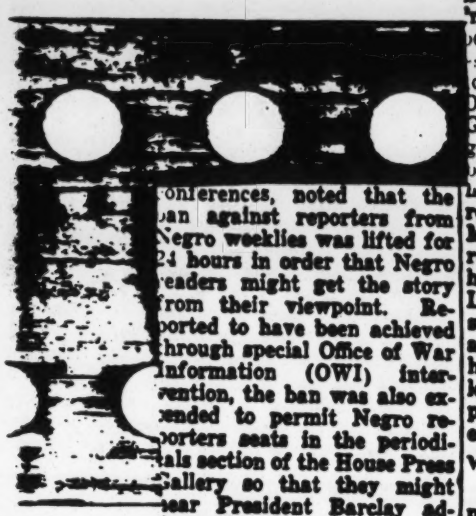
VISITS FOR BELVOIR

Friday the Presidential party, accompanied by Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis, special aide to President Barclay during his American stay, visited Fort Belvoir, Va. At the camp he received the 21 gun salute accorded to the chief executive of a friendly nation and full military honors. He lunched with the post commander and, on a tour of the fort, watched military demonstrations by both white and Negro troops.

President Barclay visited Howard University and was entertained at luncheon in Lucy Diggs Slowe House, newl yopened home for Negro government girls. "A reception in his honor was also given at Blair House by Walter F. Walker, Liberian Consul General, on Sunday."

The remainder of President Barclay's American stay will be spnt this way:

- Monday, May 31—visited Firestone Company in Akron, Ohio. Firestone owns rubber ndustry in Liberia.
- Tuesday, June 1—visited Zenia, Ohio, and Wilberforce Universty, Columbus, Ohio, and left for Buffalo.
- Wednesday, June 2—visits war plants in Buffalo.
- Thursday, June 3—visits Philadelphia shipyards, etc.
- Friday o r Saturday President Barclay will arrive in New York where a number of speaking engagements, dinners and l... have been arrange...



...onferences, noted that the ...an against reporters from ...Negro weeklies was lifted for ...24 hours in order that Negro ...readers might get the story ...from their viewpoint. Re... ...ported to have been achieved ...through special Office of War ...Information (OWI) inter... ...vention, the ban was also ex... ...tended to permit Negro re... ...porters seats in the periodi... ...cals section of the House Press ...Gallery so that they might ...hear President Barclay ad... ...dress Congress.

...RATIFIED AT RECEPTION

The official guest told the ...Press conference (inciden... ...tally, one of the largest seen ...in Washington), that he was ...gratified at the reception he ...had received. He said that ...Liberia might play an impor... ...tant post-war role as an im... ...portant terminal for planes ...travelling from America to ...West Africa, Egypt and the ...Far East. He stated that the ...air base in his country had ...been built with the aid of ...American Negro troops, that ...he expected the U.S.A. to re... ...tain possession after the war.

Mention was also made of ...the fact that though Liberia ...is eligible for lend-lease aid, ...no money h a d been made ...available to the country. He declared that he had ...been trying to remedy the ...conditions which made 18 ...cents a day the usual reward ...for common labor. He startled ...quarters with his statement ...that, given sufficient financial ...aid to develop her resources, ...Liberia might easily produce ...30,000 tons of rubber, ma... ...terially relieving the acute ...shortage of that material now ...slowing America's war ef... ...fort.

Liberia's President made ...history again on Thursday ...when he addressed both the ...Senate and the House. When ...he appeared before the Sen... ...ate what turned

May showing Liberia's importance as the aerial crossroad of the United Nations. Note that the distance between Natal in Brazil is only 1628 miles from Monrovia, Liberia's capital.

Expect Freedom Rally To Attract 20,000

It is expected a crowd of 20,000 will participate in the Negro Freedom Rally, Monday night, June 7, at Madison Square Garden to spearhead the move for the fullest participation of 13,000,000 Americans in the war effort.

The meeting, sponsored by the People's Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee, will focus attention upon the evils that divide the American people and aid the enemy, evils such as the poll-tax, discrimination in the armed forces, government representatives who are thwarting the win-the-war policies of the President, and the stalling on the reorganization of the FEPC.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

Speakers will include Dr. Channing H. Tobias, member of the national board of the YMCA; Lester B. Granger, secretary of the National Urban League; Rev. Thomas Harten, Brooklyn's militant and outstanding minister; Charles Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and business agent of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL; Representative Vito Marcantonio, who introduced the anti-poll tax bill H.R.7, and Councilman Adam Clayton Powell.

A $25.00 war bond will be presented to Mrs. Belle Calhoun, employee of the Lincoln Wire Company here who has been chosen as "Miss Negro War Worker."

"For This W... ...

...matic spectacle written by Langston Hughes, staged by Dick Campbell and starring internationally-famous Paul Robeson, Canada Lee, Pearl Primus and Kenneth Spencer of Downtown Cafe Society, will be presented.

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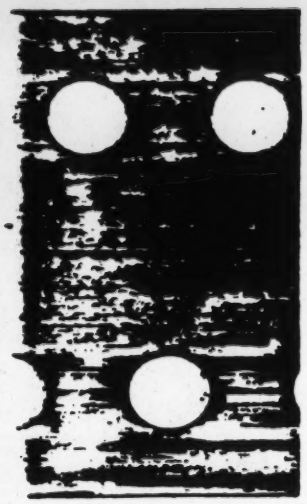
LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO



It has been recognized that the merchant marine is playing a most important part in this war. Without it the troops we trained here could not be shipped tothe battlefronts all over the globe. Without it the arms and munitions we manufacture could not be delivered where they are needed, when they are needed, and in the quantity that is needed.

In his resolution honoring the merchant marine recently President Roosevelt said "The support of our overseas forces and the rendering of aid to our allies depend upon the steady movement of cargo along the ocean tracks—a movement now maintained by the courageous seamen of our merchant marine in resolute defiance of the enemy above, beneath and on the surface of the seas."

In recent weeks attempts have been made to impair the efficiency of the merchant marine. This has been attempted by several steamship companies in Southern ports and by two other unions in the maritime field, the Marine Firemen, Oilers & Watertenders of the Pacific, and the Seamen's Union of the Pacific. the former an independent organization,, the latter an A. F. of L. affiliate.

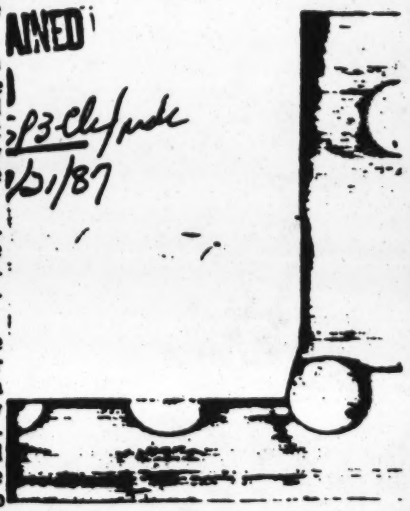
The ship operators and these two organizations have persisted in a policy of discrimination against Negro seamen. They have been doing this in spite of the fact that the National Maritime Union, which has consistently fought for complete equality for Negroes in our industry, received from the President of the United States a communication stating that "It is the policy of the Government of the United States to encourage full participation in the national defense program by all citizens regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. The President further said in unequivocal terms that "questions of race, creed and color have no place in determining who are to man our ships."

In a letter to the War Shipping Administration, which is charged with responsibility for seeing that our ships are manned and sail on time, the National Maritme Union called to their attention the specific acts of discrimination against Negroes and urged them to take immediate action to rectify these abuses, which could have no other effect but the sabotage of our war effort.

The War Shipping Administration sent an evasive reply. They said they had referred the entire complaint to the Fair Employment Practice Committee which had been established by the President to act upon instances of discrimination.

We in the National Maritime Union, who know of the contribution our Negro members have made to win this war and can cite numerous cases of courage and heroism at sea in the face of enemy attack, will continue to fight Jim-Crow within our industry. We do not believe our Commander-in-Chief would tolerate discriminatory practices which would effect the speedy delivery of troops and supplies to the battlefronts. We do not believe the people of America, who have come to realize the importance of our merchant marine and the contribution being made to its work by the Negro people, will tolerate the continuation of discriminatory practices. We believe that the two labor organizations I had mentioned earlier have the responsibility to our country and to the United Nations to cease practicing Jim-Crow. We believe that in New York City, where another maritime union, the Seafarers International Union of the AFL maintains a Jim-Crow hiring hall, should be exposed and public pressure should force them to abolish that evil practice.

The National Maritime Union, proud of its citation by the Schomberg collection of Negro literature of the New York Public Library for its uncompromising stand against racial discrimination in the employment of its members, will continue to fight discriminatory practices wherever it encounters it. We firmly believe that Jim-Crow is an ally of Hitler and that equality is an ally of the United Nations. We condemn the former. We will fight for the latter.



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20,000 Blast Fascism Here And Abroad

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

PLEDGING their lives, fortunes and energies to the full support of our Commander-in-Chief for the unconditional surrender of the enemies of humanity, 20,000 people attended Freedom Rally Monday night in Madison Square Garden where they heard the nation's most courageous and patriotic leaders declare there is no middle ground in today's fight for freedom. Several thousand were unable to get inside the Garden.

WILLKIE MESSAGE HAILED

Wendell Willkie, in a telegram expressing his regrets for being unable to address the rally in person, said that the speed with which victory over the Axis is achieved may be measured by the unity, determination and selflessness of all Americans.

"We are going to win this war. No one questions that," his message said. "But the speed with which we achieve our goal of total victory depends largely on the unity, determination and selflessness with which all of us attack the task ahead. Rallies such as yours, dedicated to inspiring unity and ever increasing effort, give the lie to the Axis propagandists, who would like nothing better than to divide and weaken us."

TOBIAS SETS TONE OF MEETING

Dr. Tobias set the tone of the meeting when, as the first speaker, he said: "This is truly a peoples' assembly; for we have come together from all walks of life, representing different ideologies and different political affiliations, but united in two important respects in a common loyalty to the only flag to which we owe allegiance and a common determination that that flag shall give the same guarantees of freedom to rich and poor, to black and white, to native and foreign, to Catholic and Protestant, to Jew and Gentile."

The main addresses were delivered by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Dr. Channing Tobias, Mike Quill of the Transport Workers Union, Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Palmer Memorial Institute, and Charles A. Collins, Hotel and Club Union, AFL. Brief addresses were also made by representatives of various other organizations. Dr. Max Yergan spoke for the National Negro Congress; Lester Granger for the National Urban League; George Marshall for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. The Rev. John H. Johnson offered the invocation and Ferdinand Smith of the NMU, opened the meeting.

"FOR THIS WE FIGHT"

Upon a great, star-shaped stage set in the center of the Garden, and flaming with ever changing colored lights, "For This We Fight," an historic pageant of the Negro's role in American history unfolded with the support of such international stars as Paul Robeson, Duke Ellington, Canada Lee, Pearl Primus and Kenneth Spencer. Written by Langston Hughes and directed by Dick Campbel, the pageant was received with great enthusiasm.

Congressman Marcantonio said the poll tax was essentially a Negro issue and one of equality. We must meet it as such, he said, and until we do so, we are unable to meet successfully the pernicious divisions of the domestic fascists. The fighting Congressman staid the audience that now is the time to meet the filibuster and not when it begins.

Tearing at the words of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's head about race mixing, Charles Collins pointed out how Negroes and whites mix on the S.S. Booker T. Washington and in the National Maritime Union, and he wthe President of Liberia mined with government leaders, dined with them and slept in the historic Blair House.

Dorothy K. Funn, administrative secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, which sponsored the rally, read resolutions protesting against racial discrimination; shooting and abuses to Negro members of the Armed Forces; discrimination in employment; the reorganization and revitalization of the FEPC, and demanding that Mayor rescind the city contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for its housing project.

The collection speech was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Harten of Brooklyn's Holy Trinity Baptist Church.

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A "Walled" City for Aryans in Manhattan

Hitler won a victory in New York City last week. Democracy was raped by all but two of the members of the Board of Estimate.

The Negro and fair-minded whites of this city were shown conclusively that dollars and not democracy run this city! The arch jim-crocorporation of America—the Metropolitan Life Insurance company—was granted permission to transfer all the wretchedness—misery—discrimination—and racial hatred of a European Ghetto into the heart of New York City.

It was told it could build a housing project to accommodate 25,000 select people. Letters were introduced at the hearing in which representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company stated that Negroes would be barred from the project. Therefore, it will be an "all white" community. This company was told it could drive the present inhabitants of the houses in the location where the proposed project will be erected from their homes by the power of eminent domain without providing new dwellings for these outcast people. It was assured that it could close the existing churches in this area and drive the worshippers from before the face of their God.

It was also told that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and not the people, black or white, rule New York City. Democracy and civic pride were sold in whordom by our Board of Estimate.

A wall over 12 feet in height will surround the city of seclusion, and signs will forbid the passers-by to stop or enter.

The rooms will rent for over $14 each. The people in that area now pay far less. When they are forced from their homes, they will not be able to pay this exhorbitant rent and will have to move on to create slums elsewhere.

Is this "slum clearance" or the vicious transplanting of poverty?

Negroes who go from New York City to the armed forces have one more straw added to the camel's back of their loyalty. Black lads across the seas, working and fighting for democracy, will be glad to hear that their city welcomes a community where they will not be able to live when they return?

Newbold Morris and Edgar Nathan are the only two men on the board worthy of any man's respect. Park Commissioner Moses is a traitor to the public generally, and Ecker is as we expect, a member of "democracy's black market."

The fight has just begun—We will not take this lying down—We are Americans—New York is our City too—We will be heard! Every Negro and patriotic white must rally now to prevent this infiltration of fascism.

Remember, you who voted in favor of this project and betrayed us—white and black—that we will meet you at the polls in a near day, and we will show you then that you cannot wantonly sell our trust! We are going to defeat you and all hitler-minded anti-victory agents who are sabotaging all that America stands for and is fighting to preserve. It is far better to have slums inhabited by free people than a magnificent Ghetto of slaves to prejudice and fascism."

(PM's Southern Bureau)

CANTON, Miss.—Fire and bad housing have snuffed out the lives of five more Mississippi Negroes.

Mrs. Mary Lee Jones, 34, and her three children—Vivian, 13; Frederick, 2; and James Jones, 5 months, are dead from a fire which started in the kerosene range stove of their four-room frame house.

Another child, Dorothy Jackson, 11, who lived with the Jones family, is also dead.

Mrs. Jones' two elder children, Richard jr, 17; and Ruth, 11, managed to escape.

Richard Jones sr., father of the family said that his wife, Vivian, usually left his meal on the kitchen range with a lighted burner to keep the food warm. City firemen believed that all the victims were overcome by smoke.

The tragedy recalled the burning of more than 200 Negroes at a Natchez, Miss., dance hall fire in 1940.

PARTY HONORS NY'ER

ORANGE, NJ—Elizabeth Mayo Williams gave a party Saturday in honor of her god-son Fenton Wellington Day jr of NYC who has enlisted in the Air Corps. Myrtle Daniels, Gladys and Grace Burnett assisted in entertaining the group which included a number of NYers.

Mass. Canteen In Hot Water

BOSTON, Mass. — New York's Stage Door Canteen seems to be the only service club of the many scattered throughout the country, to be properly organized and operate without a hitch. Hollywood Canteen has had its troubles with the Pasadena society matrons wanting to force discriminatory practices in opposition to Bette Davis and John Garfield's all for one and one for all attitude, and now Boston comes in for its share of bickering.

Here, the Back Bay ladies of social register and hard gold, are trying to take complete charge of the Canteen, ousting Edward Gould, manager of the Copley Theatre. Gould has been responsible for entertainment, but ran into plenty of trouble.

JAMAICA SPECIALIST

Auxiliary Jeanne A. Redding, of Jamaica is one of the first graduates of the Administrative Specialist School. She was trained for a non-combat job at any army post. Received her basic training at the first WAAC Training Center in Daytona. Miss Redding lives at 167-17-110 Rd., Jamaica, N. Y.

Barclay III, Dinner Plans Go Forward

Plans for a dinner honoring President Edwin Barclay of Liberia were reported near completion Tuesday in spite of the fact that he is now recuperating from a minor foot operation in the Hospital for Hip and Joint Diseases, 124 st and Madison ave. The dinner will be held in the Hotel Roosevelt, Friday, June 11 at 8 pm.

A half-jesting remark made by Mayor LaGuardia in front of several people at the reception of President Barclay in Pennsylvania station last week caused some concern for the plans made on arrangements. The Mayor is reported to have said that he was the only person permitted to speak by order of the State Department's office of Protocol. PV checked on this statement with the office in Washington, Monday, and was told that it was incorrect, and that the office had nothing to do with such arrangements. Mayor LaGuardia was probably joking but PV took no chances as there were at least ten persons of national prominence scheduled to give brief addresses.

Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Channing Tobias and Walter Walker, Consul General of Liberia will introduce the President. Tickets for Friday's dinner are on sale for $4.50 and may be purchased at the office of Augustine A. Austin, 209 W. 125 st. Commissioner Samuel Battle heads the arrangement.

annual H-Y Variety Show at the Lincoln School Auditorium; June 20, Father and Son Day at the Church of Resurrection; June 24, 3d annual Sunday School Convention Association track meet at Lincoln Park; June 28,

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Attempts to Divide Labor Blasted at NNC Meet

DETROIT—Three hundred delegates from six mid-western States, assembled in the final business session of the National Negro Congress Mid-West Conference on the Problebs of the War and the Negro People here, May 29, called for "unity within the ranks of labor," and voiced unqualified opposition to all efforts to fudther divide labor and prevent that unity which is necessary for victory in the war and the ultimate security of labor."

Resolutions were passed in support of Secretary Edward E. Strong's speech condemning John L. Lewis and his followers for their defiance of President Roosevelt's war program. The delegation pledged ts support to the following seven-point program:

- Full prosecution of the war through the immediate opening of a Western land frost in Europe;
- elimination of jim-crow practices in the armed forces, and of restrictions which deny Negro soldiers equal accommodations;
- passage in the Senate of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill;
- enactment of anti-lynching legislation;
- democratic interpretations of Negro life via school text books, radio, stage, and screen;
- enforcement of President Roosevelt's seven-point economic stabilization program, and
- organization of a full and unrestricted participation of Negro workers in the trade union movement.

UNITE-WITH-LABOR

In his keynote address Councilman Powell said the Conference was fitting because, ". . . because you have here the focus of every antit-Semitic, anti-Negro, antit-labor and pro-fascist force in America." Warning that black and white soldiers were not going to come back home and let Hitler's of American industry run our country, Powell said: "The American Negro must unite with organized labor in a fight to gain economic and cultural equality for all minority groups in the country."

Dr. Max Yergan wrote Walter White: ". . . Acting for the Mid-West Conference and dthe officers of the National Executive Board of the NNC. I am happy to extend you the warmest fraternal greetings. It is our sincere hope that the notable objectives of your Conference will be realized."

Dr. Yergan said it was the expressed hope of the delegates present that those two historic conferences would bring clarity on the problems of the war and the Negro people in order to take steps to weld a greater unity among the Negro people.

Edward E. Strong, national secretary, remained in Detroit to represent the Congress as a fraternal delegate to the NAACP's Emergency War Conference.

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Re: "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE",
NEGRO NEWSPAPER - COMMUNIST.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above captioned newspaper, this is to advise that it was picked up by Resident Agent [redacted] b7C at Elmira, New York on June 26, 1943, and that it is being distributed in the negro section there.

This paper is being transmitted herewith in order that the Bureau may study its contents.

Attention is directed particularly to the article written by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR., Editor-in-Chief, on page 16 of instant newspaper.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little
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A Militant Paper

The VOICE

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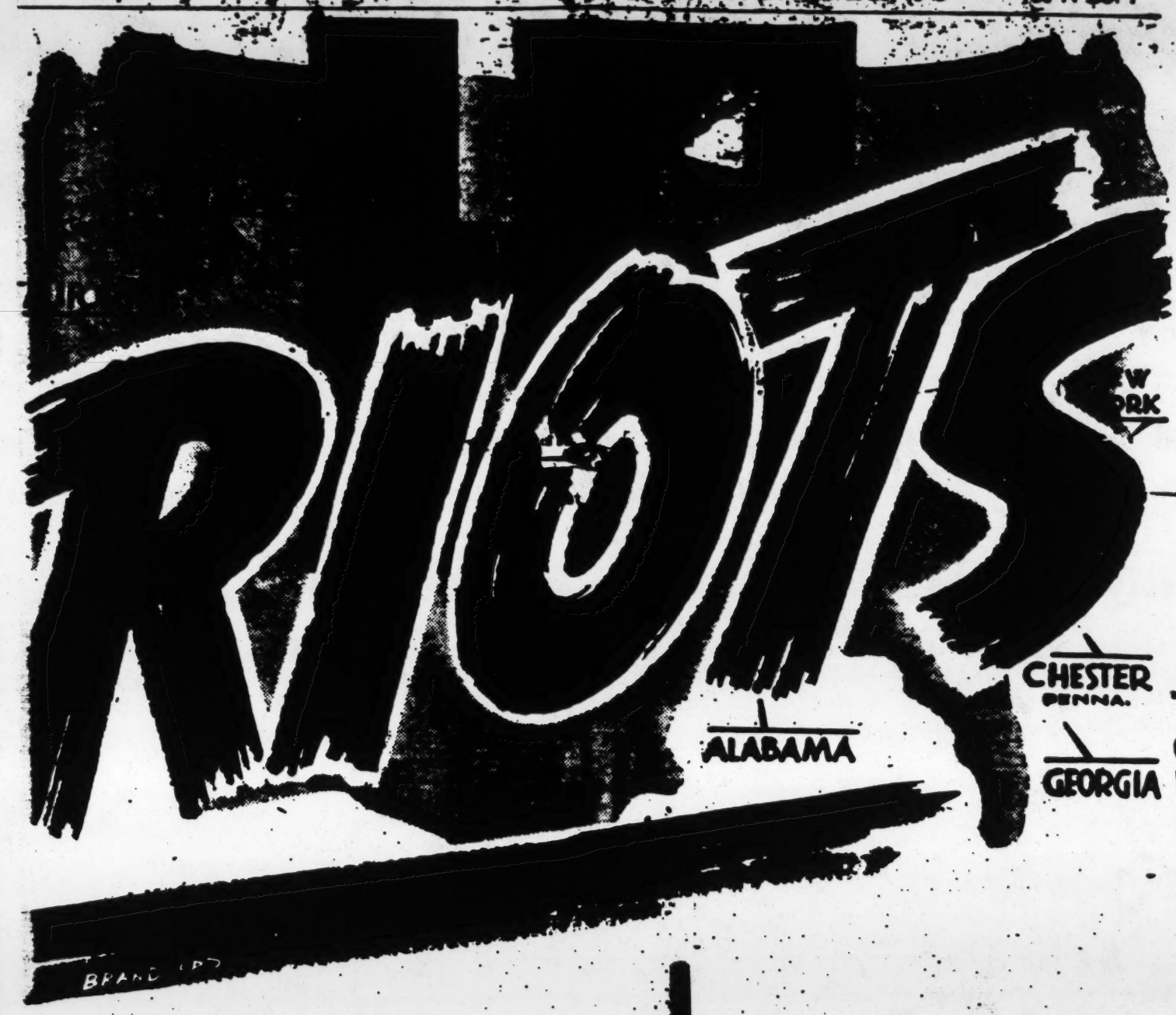

Hitler, Hirohito, Mussolini, Axis! Bah! This war ay be won or lost right here at home, as strikes, riots, disunity d race prejudice take their deadly toll!—WMK— Story, Pictures, List of Dead, Page 3 and 22.

PUBLICATION FILE

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Edited by ANN PETRY

CALIFORNIA

In Los Angeles daily newspapers were noticed by Mayor Bowron and Police Chief Horrall's office of building a riot situation by building up in the minds of the public the danger of so-called zoot suit gangs. The Mexican Council has asked for an immediate investigation.

The Rev. Clayton Russell is commenting on LA's Mexican adversity quoted Stephen J. Keating of the County probation department: "The astonishing thing about Mexican youth delinquency is that the percentage is so low when you consider the background out of which they come—the terrible housing, the poverty and discrimination."

GEORGIA

In Atlanta the City Council last week found itself in the peculiar position of having to decide whether Negroes would view Hollywood's much discussed film version of Cabin In The Sky. J. Neal Montgomery, director of the Southeastern Artists Bureau, Inc., wanted the city auditorium for a week's showing of the flicker. G. Town Bailey of Bally Theatres Inc. (controlling 5 theatres) had previously refused to book Cabin, claiming MGM's price was too high.

Bailey asked the City Council to restrain Montgomery from showing the film because the admission price being charged (44c) was "too high for our colored people". The Council, embarrassed because Montgomery had already paid one thousand bucks for rental of the auditorium, turned the affair over to City Attorney Jack Savage. Savage decided in favor of Montgomery thus assuring Atlantans a view of Cabin. Ironically the film had its first showing at Loew's Grand Theatre which doesn't admit Negroes. The theatre belongs to MGM.

KENTUCKY

The Negro Publisher's Association elected Chicago Defender manager, John H. Sengstacke, as its president at the close of a two-day confab held in Louisville. He succeeds William O. Walker of the Cleveland Call-Post. The Mark Ethridge dailies, Courier-Journal and the Times played host to delegates on the last day of the pow-pow.

MARYLAND

Democracy, that elusive creature, is working overtime at the Forest Glen Annex of Walter *Reed Hospital* in Forest Glen. Negro and white soldiers (ambulatory cases recently returned from overseas) drill, eat, sleep and play together with complete lack of discrimination. The Annex purchased last September by the Army for $855,000, was formerly exclusive National Park College which catered to wealthy girls. The school's luxurious furnishings are still in use.

MICHIGAN

Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, biggest local in the world, held a giant membership meeting at Olympia, June 20. Paul Robeson was guest artist and sang with the Ford Workers Chorus of the local. Meeting celebrated signing of the union contract one year ago.

MISSOURI

Emma Jane Lee, Fustus school teacher, last week filed suit in the US District Court against the Fustus School Board in an effort to eliminate differentials in salaries paid Negro and white teachers.

NORTH CAROLINA

J. Saunders Redding, author of No Day Of Triumph and chairman of the English department at Elizabeth City NC Teachers College, was elected last week to alumni membership in Phi Beta Kappa at Brown University, Providence, RI, his former alma mater. Dr. John Hope, late president of Atlanta University, is the only other Negro to receive a similar honor at Brown.

VIRGINIA

Samuel Legions, 22, of Berryville, was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the alleged rape of a married white woman will be released from the State penitentiary because last week the Court of Appeals reversed his conviction. Justice George L. Browning declared "while we do not know what occurred on the night of the alleged offense, our common sense and knowledge of human nature tells us that which the prosecutrix and her husband have related did not occur."

WASHINGTON, DC

News of the first Negro hero of the US Submarine Service was released here this week. Joseph Cross, formerly of New Orleans, was awarded an achievement ribbon aboard his ship, somewhere in the Pacific by Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Commander of Submarines in the Pacific. Cross won the ship's lookout contest for which officers of his ship presented him with $75. Lieut. Commander Philip H. Ross, captain of Cross' sub, said of him: "He seems to see as well at night as by day. He's our best Jap spotter."

PV Cracks Hush Hush of Suicide

[redacted] The body of [redacted] was found [redacted] Wednesday Samuels, [redacted] police claim.

[redacted] that week in the killing of children, should be on [redacted] South Carolina for [redacted], and what appears to be a flagrant example of police "third-degree" assault have stopped [redacted] abruptly.

This case will not go unquestioned. It must not be allowed to fade out of the public mind. It is of the same material as the notorious Edward Melendez case in St. Louis, Mo. Melendez and Samuels both died in police cells and causes of their deaths were not properly reported. The St. Louis Star-Times refused to let Melendez cases die because facts indicated foul play. PV reporters were able to stop Samuels' family on their way to Lynchburg, SC, Monday, for his funeral. They were further able to check shipment of his body, and it now lies in the [redacted] office, awaiting the [redacted] it did not, [redacted] by law.

This is the story of what happened to Woodrow Samuels, so far as is now known. He had been a reefer's helper since he was released last February on parole from prison in Elmira, NY. He had served 18 months there on an assault conviction. Samuels quit his job last Saturday because he had passed his final physical examination and was to be inducted into the army on Saturday, June 26. He was picked up Wednesday on an alleged robbery charge and taken to the 123rd st police station, where he is supposed to have been placed in a cell, and to have hanged himself 15 minutes later with his own belt.

When his father, Isaac Samuels of 28 W 129th st received a report of Woodrow's death later Wednesday afternoon and went to the police station to make inquiries, he was refused the name of the arresting officer. He was not allowed to see his son's body.

Why did police allow this prisoner to retain his belt in the cell when, by law, belts, suspenders, and other possible instruments of death must be removed from a prisoner's person? Further evidence of reason for hush-up are: death was not reported to parole officer, McEwain Wardlow, nor to Local Draft Board 54.

This case should have been turned over to the medical examiner, an autopsy performed, and a thorough report of the causes of death submitted for the record.

According to Mrs. Florence Browne, 62 W. 128nd st., the undertaker who handled Samuels' body, NO AUTOPSY HAD BEEN MADE. Further, Mrs. Browne stated that there was no bruise on the boy's body, and no mark whatsoever around his throat, but that his neck had obviously been broken.

PV recovered the body of Woodrow Samuels for the above reasons. Isaac Samuels went to the District Attorney's office Tuesday and demanded that an immediate investigation be made of the circumstances surrounding his son's death, and that pending that investigation, an autopsy be performed. Woodrow Samuels may have been a parolee, he may have been guilty of the alleged robbery charge, but, he is entitled to the full benefit of the law. If his rights are denied the rights of the entire community become gravely endangered.

"He's afraid of catching athletes' foot!"

Doxey Wilkerson Now In CP Education Dept.

WASHINGTON—Doxey A. Wilkerson, professor of education at Howard University since 1935, and education specialist in the Office of Price Administration, announced his resignation from Howard last Saturday to accept permanent employment in the education program of the Communist Party of the United States.

Wilkerson, who has been on leave from Howard serving in the OPA Department of Information for the past year, declared that he had joined the Communist Party at this time because he was convinced that was the best way to devote his maximum efforts as a civilian to the promotion of the nation's war effort and that he hoped that his move would help strengthen the home front against the ever-mounting attacks of pro-axis defeatist forces in the country.

From 1937 to 1940, Wilkerson was the National Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers and for several years served as President of the Howard Teachers Union. During his

His new work will be with the Maryland District of the Columbia District of the CP.

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'To-Hell-With-Democracy' Is Riot Theme; FDR Orders Troops In Detroit

DETROIT—Six blacks, [illegible] and killer war on evil-minded [illegible] victory Sunday and Monday when they turned the United Nations' [illegible] city into [illegible] and bloody battlefield.

With the stench of hate-[illegible] still clinging to its streets after 24 hours of the worst race riot since Hitler's Reichstein in World War I, Detroit awoke Tuesday morning to find:

• This country has witnessed 24 of its citizens dead—9 [illegible], 21 Negro, 16 of whom were killed by police in an [illegible] attempt to [illegible] order;

• 700 persons injured, many of them seriously;

• 600, mostly Negroes, arrested;

• Jeeps, trucks and tanks manned by Federal troops ringing up the main thoroughfares as per Monday night's Presidential order;

• Untold thousands of dollars of property wantonly destroyed;

• Only persons going to and from war jobs allowed on the streets;

• Bars, grills, restaurants, public places, including movies closed.

FEDERAL TROOPS SENT

President Roosevelt sent federal troops here late Monday night following a telephone conference with Gov. Harry F. Kelly, who had ordered a modified form of martial law, with state militia and deputized civilian police, to patrol the city during the day.

Declared the President:

"I do hereby command all persons engaged in unlawful and insurrectionary proceedings to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes immediately and hereafter abandon said combinations and submit themselves to the laws and the constituted authorities of said state (Michigan)."

Gov. Kelly had declared a state of emergency Monday and a 10 pm curfew several hours before Federal troops from Fort Wayne, Ind., and Selfridge Field, Mich., in full battle array, entered the city. Despite the Governor's orders clashes between Negroes and whites continued unabated on the East Side, an area with a population of more than 40,000 Negroes.

During the day, bands of whites brandishing lead pipes, bricks, and broken glass bottles swarmed over the neighborhood unhampered by police.

All the three other Negro districts" of the city, and both the Hudson Arsenal and Packard war plants, similar targets, began mobilizing for trouble.

Little effort was made to disperse them. Automobiles parked along the streets were overturned and overturned, some of them burned, and store windows were smashed for blocks and stores looted. War production was halted when hundreds of Negro war workers refused to go to work in order to protect their families.

FASCIST-PLANNED

The incident that touched the match to the flame, which trade union and civic leaders here say is in reality a sinister and planned plot of fascist forces to hamper the war effort, was an innocent enough fight between a sailor and a Negro at Belle Isle, a public resort on Sunday.

A general brawl ensued which quickly spread from the park to various parts of the city and finally concentrated on the East Side when it was invaded by white hoodlums.

The riot followed fighting last week at Eastwood Park where hoodlums beat up every Negro they could lay their hands on and other disturbances in Inkster, a suburb of Detroit, which was blown up into a race riot by the Hearst Times.

An emergency meeting of more than 250 representatives of labor, fraternal, church and civic groups, both Negro and white, met in the dining hall of the Lucy Thurman branch YWCA Monday noon to take steps to quell the rioting. Mayor Jeffries, who attended, presented a plan to the delegates to quell the rioting which they considered unsatisfactory.

He told them that 3,500 police and 1,000 auxiliary police were mobilized on the East Side; but delegates called his attention to the fact that police were concentrated in the Negro community and that the majority of the injured and killed were also Negro. They demanded that it was the responsibility of the police to be impartial and protect all citizens regardless of race, color and creed. They further demanded the arrest of leaders of the mobs who were beating up Negroes.

HEARST TIMES BLAMED

R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, declared: "The statement that an organization is behind this is completely false. The rioting taking place . . . is a manifestation of lawlessness and racial hatred which have no place in any American city. . . . While our armed forces are fighting to exterminate Nazism and racial hatred throughout the world, no American should lend himself to creating and fostering intolerance and violence in our own country."

Judge Patrick O'Brien condemned the instigators of the riots and volunteered his personal services [illegible] of the Lawyers Guild. During the meeting the Hearst Times was criticised for its inflammatory and inciting reporting of the fighting."

At Fort Custer, outside Detroit, members of the Negro quartermaster battalion commandeered jeeps and trucks to go to Detroit to aid their families and friends. Before they could leave camp, however, they were thrown into jail.

At one street corner, white soldiers came to the aid of a Negro saying: "You guys are stirring up something we are trying to stop."

SHOOT TO KILL

Police indicted themselves when they released the list of dead.

(See roster of the dead on back page.)

SHOT BULLETIN—Up to Tuesday afternoon, 2,000 persons, mostly 1,000 of whom are Negroes, had been arrested, though still fighting to riot and carrying concealed weapons.

Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, flew to Detroit.

The CIO has called a special meeting.

Food in the Negro section is scarce and it has been rumored that the water has been poisoned.

A Negro street car motorman was shot as he attempted to maneuver his trolley through the white mob.

POLICE "PROTECTORS"

Negro citizens had more to fear from those whose duty it was to maintain law and order than from mobs, as is clearly evident in this picture, during the Detroit riot. INS Soundphoto

Hitler Speaks!

"HITLER IS PREPARING FOR THE FINAL ATTACK ON THE WEST. IT WILL BE A SUPREME MASTER FOR HIS SS TROOPS TO DEFEAT AND DEVOUR US IN THE UNITED STATES, SO THAT THERE EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. WE HAVE NO USE FOR THEM IN EUROPE.

"I SHALL NEVER START A WAR WITHOUT THE CERTAINTY THAT A DEMORALIZED ENEMY WILL SUCCUMB TO THE FIRST STROKE OF A SINGLE GIGANTIC ATTACK."—QUOTED FROM ADOLF HITLER AND REPRINTED FROM PM NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

"Lowest Race Bias" Charged To Taber

The charge of a use of "the lowest form of racial prejudice" was attributed this week by the NAACP to Congressman John Taber of New York.

The charge, made in a scathing letter, stated Taber had taken advantage of the privilage rule of the House Appropriations Committee to bitterly assail the National Youth administration because the NYA did not segregate Negro and white trainees in its courses in Taber's hometown of Auburn, NY.

WAS "DARED"

It also charged that Taber, on a "dare" from Congressman Tarver of Georgia had "apparently not had the courage to say publicly" what he had previously said in executive session.

The NAACP also asked Congressman Joseph Martin, minority leader, to repudiate Tabor unless the impression be given that "Mr. Taber's position is approved by the Republican membership of the Congress."

STAND BEHIND THE CONGRESSMEN W H O STAND BEHIND YOU!

Natl. Groups Ask FDR To Intervene in Riots

The following organizations, through their officers have sent requests to President Roosevelt to take immediate action to end the serious racial conflicts occuring throughout the nation:

CIO, Philip Murray, president; Negro Labor Victory Committee, Ferdinand Smith, chairman, Charles Collins, secretary; National Negro Congress, Max Yergan, president; National Urban League, Lester Granger, executive secretary; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary,

All of the messages urged the President to appeal to America to resist axis propaganda, which is felt to be the cause of outbreaks throughout the country.

Baptist Clergy Acts To Refuse Chaplain Posts In Biased Army

Refusal to further endorse Baptist ministers for service as chaplains in the United States Army until reinstatement of Negro chaplains as well as officers is implicit in the resolutions of a brief but strongly-worded resolution which will undoubtedly be adopted during a few at the meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Kansas City, in September.

Sponsored by the New Jersey State Baptist Convention and endorsed by the official delegation of the Western Baptist Convention of California for approval by the national executive board, the resolution is the first concrete step made by Negro ministers to fight the increasingly serious Negro problem in the Army.

TO THE POINT

The resolution reads in part:

"Events of the past year have accumulated facts, establishing a policy of bias on the part of the War Department and Army Commanders in their relation toward, and treatment of Colored Clergymen who have volunteered their services, as Chaplains in the Armed forces of America.

"This firmly-established policy acts to deprive Colored Clergymen of the dignity, privilege and prerogatives, envisioned by the Congress of the United States and Organized Religious Denominations.

"This policy has already resulted in the public humiliation of outstanding members of the Baptist clergy of America, and the consequent humiliation of their Denominational Organizations.

DISASTROUS FORCE

"This humiliation and treatment of Negro clergymen by tacit agreement of the Chief of Chaplains, the Chaplain's Office and the War Department has the effect of destroying the usefulness and influence of Baptist Clergymen in the Army, and in fact, destroys the confidence of lay-membership of the church in its constituted official staff, and member clergymen.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it be the sense of this Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., The National Baptist Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Congress and affiliated Organizations herein, that we will REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBERS OF OUR DENOMINATION TO SERVE AS CHAPLAINS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNTIL THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, ITS CORRECTION BEING CERTIFIED TO BY OUR MEMBERS, WHO ARE AT PRESENT SERVING AS CHAPLAINS . . ."

BONDS

FOR THE BATTLE FRONT

AND FOR THE HOME FRONT

PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE ACTS:

Sets National Convene To Expose Riot Causes

Moving with swiftness to meet a national crisis precipitated by hate-strikes, riots and pillaging, The Peoples Committee last Saturday called a national conference tentatively to be held in Washington July 5.

This action was taken after the committee's chairman, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., declared the wave of race disturbances was nothing less than enemy propaganda on the psychological front, calculated according to the Hitler plan, to turn one group against another.

A representative from the Anti-Nazi League offered documentary proof to substantiate Powell's statement.

The Hotel Front Service Union further supported Powell's statement, and said:

"We appeal to the white people of America not to be provoked by these conscious elements seeking to undermine our national unity."

City officials of Beaumont, Texas stated last week that enemy influence may have inspired the riots there. Philip Murray wrote President Roosevelt that the so-called race riots were but a plot of the enemy to foment racial disunity in the United in the United States.

AID TO HITLER

Declaring that any one who advocates race hatred in America is fighting Hitler's battle, Powell pointed out that it makes little difference in France today whether Frenchmen are black or white, or whether they had belonged to a union or to any political party. He said France did not lose on the field of battle, but that it was betrayed at home while its people fought each other.

The conference is intended to bring these issues before the American public and to urge the President and high public officials to speak out now against race strife.

Harrison S. Jackson, chief attorney for the committee and Atty. Vernal L. Williams for the Consolidated Tenants League, reported that they had started restraining action in the names of tax payers and policy holders against the Board of Estimate to prevent the use of public money to build the Metropolitan Insurance Company's segregated "walled city."

PLAN TRIBUTE TO SERVICEMEN

Those for "Salute to Negro Service Men" were announced to a press conference Thursday, June 17, at the Hotel Theresa. Taking part in the arrangements for the affair to be held Sunday, June 27, at the Randalsons Casino are, left to right: Bob Dorsey, Adam Powell, Pollie Gaskill and Sgt. Bill Attaway.

SUN SHIP YARD GUARDS FIRE ON WORKERS; SEVEN INJURED

CHESTER, Pa.—Rioting exploded in Inflammatory Number Four yard of the Sun Ship and Drydock Company here last Wednesday when Company guards fired into a noon-day crowd of workers, seriously injuring seven. All persons involved were Negroes.

Relations between the Company and Local No. 2, International Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers of America, CIO, have drawn a sharp line of division among Sun Ship workers. Rioting [illegible] by the Company to further its campaign for winning a general plant election, scheduled for June 30, finally resulted in Wednesday's turmoil and confusion.

According to an eyewitness report trouble progressed this way:

● A worker approached the Company cafeteria, Wednesday, before the noon whistle blew, and was stopped by a guard. Neither was wrong, as no one is allowed out for lunch before 12. Guard wanted to see his button, which was unbeknownst concealed beneath the jacket he wore over his work suit. While showing button, worker made a few remarks, which guard didn't like. He threatened to take worker to guardhouse.

● A crowd had gathered for lunch and heard guard's threat. They told him just to take number, let worker go. He agreed, as misdemeanor, was slight.

● Crowd went in to lunch, but after meal was over, came out of cafeteria to find that guard member was had collected three fellow-corps, one of whom was recently promoted Captain James Brown. All four jumped on worker, and the crowd, now numbering several thousand, protested. Edwin Abrams, CIO shop steward, begged guards to let man go and urged workers to return to jobs.

● Brown, in fact, skipped a small stone over Brown's shoulder. He drew his gun, and waved it at the crowd, which immediately started to move in panic. One man, NOT the original cause of the trouble, ran over a pile of steel, jumped down, and was fatally shot by Brown, who shot him once in the shoulder, and then, from a distance of four to five feet, shot two more shots.

● Brown's lunchroom started firing wildly into the milling throng of workers and when the smoke cleared away five men were lying on the ground, seriously wounded. Two others were found to be shot. So far no one is dead.

The day shift at Sun, which had been declared to favor the Company union, due now swung wholeheartedly over to the CIO forces, practically guaranteeing Local 2 the victory in next Wednesday's election.

LONG ISLAND DAILY FAVORS LYNCH LAW

The following are excerpts from the editorials in the *Review-Star*, white daily published in Rockville Center, NY, and circulated in Nassau County, a stone's throw from the city of New York.

"Eighty dressed Negroes have been arrested in Hempstead. While these boys apparently are not charged with rape, if permitted to pursue their career of crime it is only a question of time until this outrage will be added. . . . These crimes are not restricted to Harlem and the worst sections of Greater New York. . . . Mass attacks on girls have occurred in several Nassau villages. . . . Women war workers have been robbed and raped in many cities . . . If the record of quick and terrible punishment was glaring enough . . . young army officers have given their wives small pistols which they carry with them . . . we understand might be sanctioned despite the Sullivan Law. . . .

It is customary in the North to think of lynch law in the South as a horrible thing, but it has had the one interesting benefit of making the South the safest place in the world for white women and girls, even in areas where there is a preponderance of men of another race.

Within the law there must be built up as quickly as possible the same protections for women and girls everywhere. . . ."

A PRETTY STORY

Another excerpt from a more recent one: "Preferably we shall lock them (Negroes) up, but if it is necessary to string them up in order to make our homes secure, there will be no priorities on rope! . . ."

SOAPBOX · · by Adam Clayton Powell Jr

POWELL

ON JUNE 20 IN CHESTER, PA., a momentous decision must be made by the Negro and white workers of the Sun Ship Building Yard.

There is no way to underestimate the shipyard problem of America. Definitely, Axis inspired attacks are being made on Negroes in all shipyards. These attacks, as in Mobile, are being made with the knowledge, if not the active, cooperation of the bosses of the shipyards themselves. They are attempts at prolonging the war, maintaining the tremendous profits and, thereby, delaying the defeat of Hitler. The majority of the white workers are not in favor of this situation, but due to the "herd mind" of America today they are victimized by a few subversive Axis agitators.

It is up to the black and white workers of the Sun Ship Building company of Pennsylvania to strike a blow for Democracy now. While their U.S.A. shipyards are seething with Axis victories the biggest shipyard in the North has the opportunity of nullifying these Axis gains.

On June 20 men and women of Chester, Pa., must vote with either the AFL, the CIO, or the company union. There can be no choice in a situation like this especially for the Negro workers. While the AFL has kept its doors traditionally closed to Negroes and still does in many key industries the CIO has had a wide open policy. The CIO forced whites to work with Negroes in Detroit. The CIO has pleaded with its workers in Mobile and Beaumont to cease their rioting. The CIO had the nerve to admonish the Negro community this day there to appear on the American scene. It is not just to pay lip service. It is more than that.

The whole future of the world depends on the unity of black and white labor. The white worker will never realize all his dreams unless he has the black man, side by side, with him.

The destinies of labor and the Negro people are one and inseparable. Unless we realize this there will be no victory for the common man, white or white, in the post-war world.

The Sun Shipbuilding Company employs thirty-five thousand workers of which fourteen thousand are Negroes. They never employed Negroes to do anything until the throes of this war with the shortage of manpower made them take them in. The CIO did more than any single agency to see that the owner, John Pew, hired Negroes.

Now, John Pew is the key political figure of Pennsylvania of the Republican party. He doesn't want to lose the votes of thirty-five thousand people. He thinks that as long as he has a company union he can control the votes. But he is wrong. First—no one can control the Negro vote any more, and, secondly—the Negro is going to be CIO after June 20.

The main reason why I would vote CIO in the Sun Shipbuilding Yards is due to the finest crop of Uncle Toms to ever appear on the human scene employed by John Pew. There is one yardstick by which the Negro can evaluate anything: when the handanna-wrapped head of an Uncle Tom appears, regardless of whether he is supposed to be a big Negro or not, turn the other way and keep running.

People's Committee Starts Industrial Info Series

Negroes must play their part in the winning of the ... in the factory, Herbert Draesel, Wright Aeronautical ... rt, told a l ... e audience gathered at the People's Com... ... e headquar...ers, 132 W. 188 st, last Wednesday night. This was the first of a series of information classes con... ...d by the Rev. Ben Rich... ...n, assistant pastor of ...stinian Baptist Church, ...oe Ford, secretary of the ...ittee.

...ight Aeronautical, one ... world's largest aircraft ... builders, located in ...pon, N. J., is certainly ...cker for hitler's soften... ...tactics, the audience ...d. Hate strikes, jimcro, ...baiting and all the other ...ng and sabotage fascist ...s besieging industry to... ...lay no part in this great ... dedicated to the busi... ness of winning the war. Negroes not only work there, but are hired daily.

It was Herbert Draesel who introduced Negro women to big industry. Now other companies are employing them. He said the plant has Negroes in every capacity. There is a Negro employment supervisor as well as counselors who look after the morale of the workers. The plant is now looking for hundreds of workers to replace men going into the Army and to fill needs created by expansion. The Negro worker in the plant, Mr. Draesel commented, is doing a splendid job.

Oliver G. Terrell of the National Technical Institute, 25 W. 49 st, where workers are trained for a few weeks, outlined the work of the school. Courses are free, since the school operates under state and national auspices.

One Year Ago

...ue of June 29, 1942)

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TERROR IN PARAGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay.—The latest report of the Paraguayan Commission for Democratic Aid published as Free Montoigo of Paraguay arrived in the U. S., gives new details of the anti-labor terror in Asuncion and other Paraguayan cities. A secret group of pro-nazi terrorists organized by the German embassy before Paraguay broke relations with the axis, has launched a new offensive against labor.

Dean Dixon Protests Rise Of Fascist Forces in US

"Dean ... Negro conductor who has appeared with the NBC Symphony Orchestra and other leading orchestras throughout the country, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt last Saturday:

"Official silence can be kept no longer. In the name of humanity, we need right now a strong, powerful and mighty voice to be raised against the rising tide of race hatreds being stirred in America by the enemies in our midst. Yours is that voice, Mr. President. Millions throughout the nation and the world will listen and take heed. More millions will applaud you for another great step in the direction of that true democracy for which we fight."

Diner Refuses Service To Soldier; ICC Acts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A complaint has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Illinois Central Railroad Co. for refusing to serve breakfast to Cpl. Branch C. Atkinson of Camp Atterbury in Indiana. NAACP attorneys prepared the complaint.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has notified the railroad company of the complaint, and has called upon the company to answer the charges and to advise the commission "as to the general practice of your company in connection with the furnishing of equal accommodations to persons of the colored race."

30 Organizations Meet; To Combat Job Bias

Under the chairmanship of Frieda Miller, former New York State Industrial Commissioner, representatives of 30 organizations interested in expanding employment opportunities for minority groups, met at the American Common, 40 E. 40 st, Wednesday, to form a permanent Council on Fair Employment Practice.

Purpose of the merging was to coordinate efforts of separate agencies to strengthen elimination of discriminatory industrial employment practices as an antidote to the enemy's "divide and conquer" technique. Delegates from Negro, Jewish, German-American, Italian-American alien, various church organizations and social agencies participated. Functions outlined for the Council are: clearance of programs and information; distribution of information to participating agencies, and stimulation of intelligent contacts with war employers to eliminate employment discrimination.

The Council will work in close cooperation with the regional office of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

Nashville Committee Wants City to Use Negro Police

(FWO SOUTHERN BUREAU)

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Employment of Negroes as policemen and policewomen was suggested as the first objective of a permanent interracial committee set-up at a conference of 160 Negro and white Nashville community leaders held last week.

The conference and the committee are outgrowths of an emergency meeting held by Negro and white leaders following a street battle involving Negro soldiers last April 3.

12th Corps To Peekskill

Major General Ottmann, Commanding General, NY State Guard, has directed that the 12th Regiment will initiate its field training period at Camp Smith, Peekskill, NY., on September 20.

Col. W. Woodruff Chisum, commanding officer of the 12th, has arranged a training program at the Armory to prepare new recruits to qualify for the field camp tour.

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SOLDIER, THERE'S THAT MAN!

Cpl. Robert Parker of the Drum and Bugle Corps at Tuskegee Army Air Field is kind of unpopular long about 6 am in the morning when he sounds off for the boys to roll out. Pictured above, sounding retreat, Cpl. Parker is just doing his duty.—Tuskegee Army Air Corps foto.

Tribute to Servicemen At Remy, On June 29

Public tribute will be paid to Negro soldiers, Sunday, June 27, at the Renaissance Casino at 4:30 pm, when the National Council of Negro Youth of the New York State Conference of Negro Youth sponsors its "Tribute to Negro Servicemen."

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May Free Man In Rape Case Death Sentence

LEESBURG, Va.—Samuel Leglone, 22-year-old Harryville youth sentenced to death on a charge of allegedly raping a white married woman, will apparently soon be free, according to NAACP attorneys who have been handling his case.

An entry of nolle prosequi was entered by the commonwealth attorney of Loudoun County last week, signifying that the case will not be pressed after the county court's conviction is reversed by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

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Robert Pelham Dies in D.C.

WASHINGTON — Funeral services for Robert A. Pelham, veteran newspaperman, who died here suddenly last Saturday night, were held in Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Harmony Cemetery.

Born 84 years ago in Petersburg, Va., Pelham was educated in the public schools of that city. He showed journalistic leanings early, working at the *Daily Post* while he was yet a student. Later he edited the *Detroit Plaindealer*, and finally, after he located here, he established the Capital News Service, Inc., furnishing syndicated news to 100 or more weeklies throughout the country. He added to his newspaper career by taking over the publication of the *Washington Tribune*, which he edited a number of years.

Survivors are his wife, Gabrielle L. Pelham; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Speaks of N.Y.C., Mrs. Dorothy P. Beckley and Robert P. Pelham.

TENORS GUEST SOLOISTS

Frank Carter Robinson of Brooklyn and Samuel Fleischmann of Bronx were guest tenor soloists at a benefit luncheon given by Brooklyn Infant's Home in the East Ballroom of Hotel Astor in New York, on June 15.

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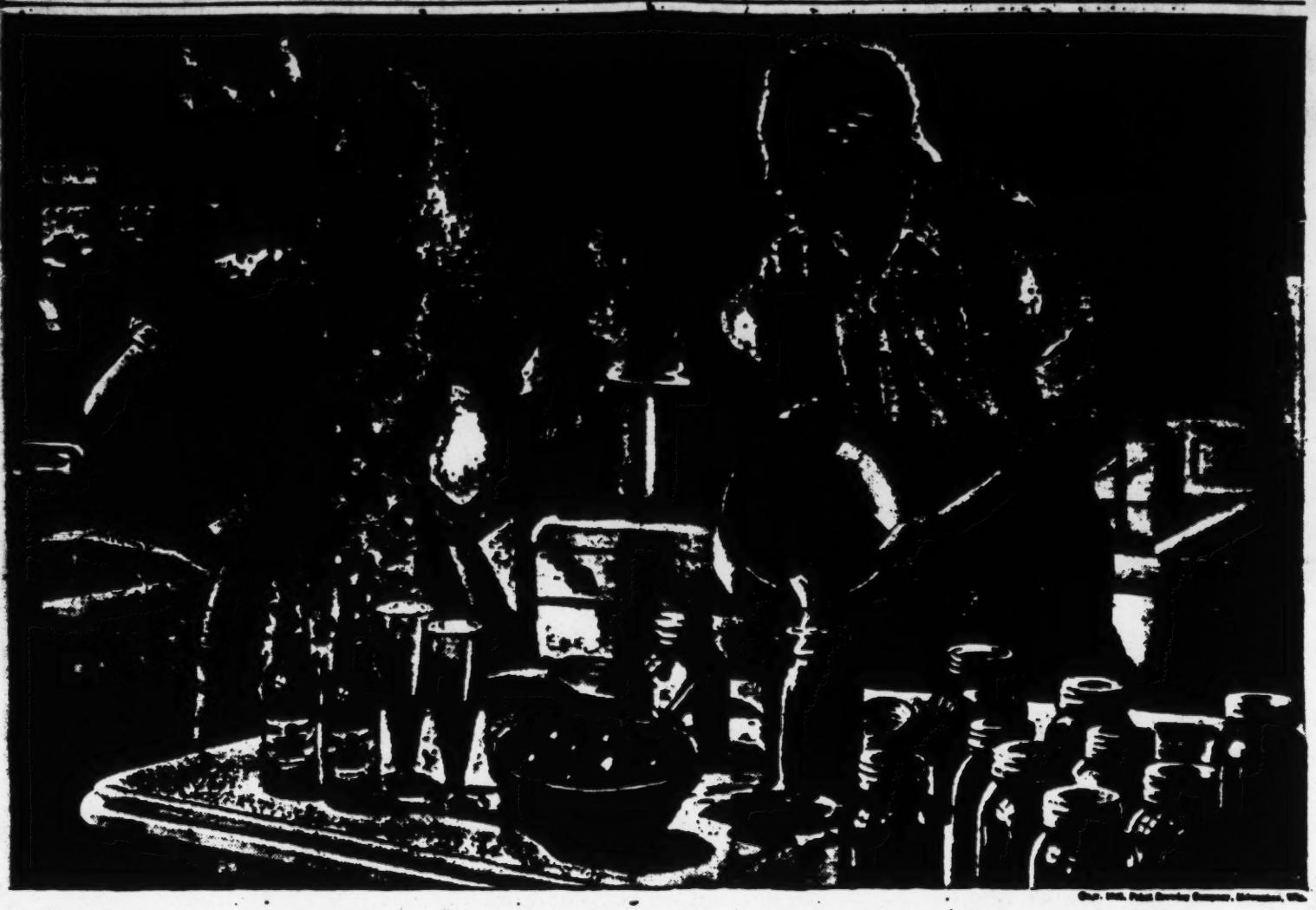

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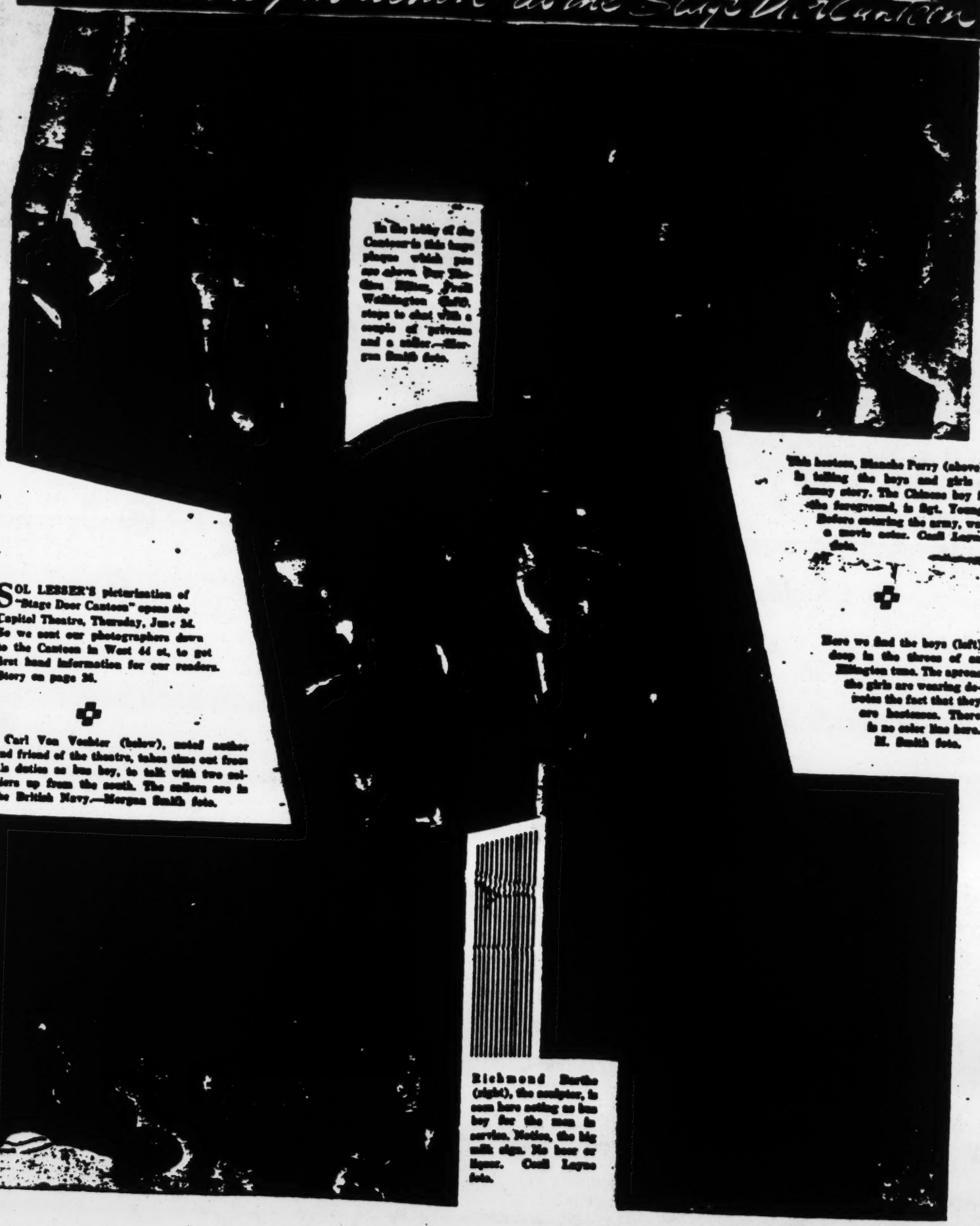

In the lobby of the Canteen's title page photo which was shown above, Kay Kyser, Gen. Hilsey, Gen. Washington (Gilbert Miller) stops to chat with a couple of privates and a sailor from the British fleet.

SOL LESSER'S picturization of "Stage Door Canteen" opens the Capitol Theatre, Thursday, June 24. So we sent our photographers down to the Canteen in West 44 st. to get first hand information for our readers. Story on page 26.

Carl Van Vechter (below), noted author and friend of the theatre, takes time out from his duties as bus boy, to talk with two soldiers up from the south. The sailors are in the British Navy.—Morgan Smith foto.

Richmond Barthe (right), the sculptor, is seen here acting as bus boy for the men in service. Notice, the big milk sign. No beer or liquor. Cecil Layne foto.

In this picture, Blanche Perry (above), is telling the boys and girls a funny story. The Chinese boy in the foreground, is Sgt. Young. Before entering the army, was a movie actor. Cecil Layne foto.

Here we find the boys (left) deep in the throes of an Ellington tune. The aprons the girls are wearing denotes the fact that they are hostesses. There is no color line here. M. Smith foto.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Nan J. Bulney, daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bulney leigh, N. C., who received M.A. degree from Columbia ersity this month.

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Nat'l Groups Wire FDR On Riots

The following organizations have sent requests to President Roosevelt to take immediate action to end the serious racial conflicts occurring throughout the nation:

● Philip Murray, President, CIO: asked the President to expose the riots as enemy-instigated plots to disrupt allied unity. He stated that enemy agents are pointing to the treatment of citizens of Latin-American extraction and of Negroes to bolster their claim that the US is not sincere in its war aims or in professions of friendship and equality among nations. . . ."

● Ferdinand Smith, chairman, and Charlie Collins, secretary, Negro Labor Victory Committee: "The new outbreak of violence against Negro Americans in Detroit is a clearer evidence that enemy agents working through native fascist groups are brazenly carrying on their organized campaign to cripple our war production program and thus delay the new offensive the United Nations are conducting against Hitler. We feel that the Detroit outbreak demands most stringent measures to prevent the further breakdown of morale and war production. We urge that the Ku Klux Klan be dissolved immediately and we urge that you make a direct appeal to the American people not to permit themselves to be taken in by demagogues and enemy agents who are deliberately inciting these racial riots.

● Lester Granger, National Urban League: stated that the outbreaks in war plants, clashes in army camps and the increasing feelings of insecurity among minority group citizens are undermining the war effort: "We therefore call on you to order an immediate investigation of these outbreaks and the possibility of their subversive instigation in industrial plants and communities throughout the country . . . and to make a direct personal radio appeal to American citizens . . . to stop racial conflict and un-American conduct . . ."

● Walter White, executive secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "The rioting which broke out in Detroit Monday morning resulting at this hour in at least six deaths and more than 400 injured, climaxes a condition which can be checked only by your personal intervention. We urge you to go on the radio at the earliest possible moment and appeal to America to resist axis and other propaganda which is the cause of outbreaks within the last fortnight at Los Angeles, Calif., Beaumont and El Paso, Texas, Philadelphia and Chester, Pa., and other places."

No Jimcro at New Beach Soldier Club

The open[illegible] to be maintained to Negro and white soldiers [illegible] at the new Jones Beach Service Lounge put up in the [illegible] provision, it was announced last week.

The Lounge, [illegible] operated by the State Park Commission with [illegible] basketball, dance space, library and game facilities, is open from 9:00 am to 6:00 [illegible] weekdays and from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays.

Altho the [illegible] at Hempstead prohibits Negro servicemen and their partners from dancing on the same floor with whites, the Jones Beach Lounge has no restriction.

SONS AWAIT GRADUATES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The majority of Pioneer Institute Commercial and Vocational School students graduating June 24-27 have positions awaiting them.

Guild Forms Committee To Fight Discrimination

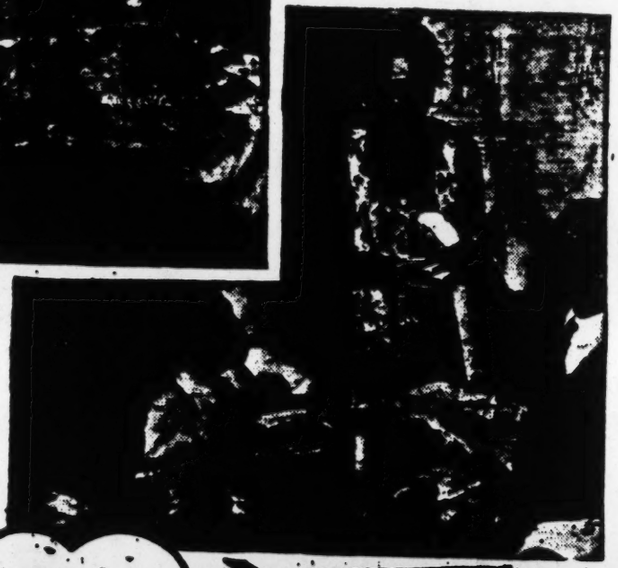
BOSTON—The American Newspaper Guild in the annual conference here from June 14 through June 17, established a committee to deal with discrimination in the newspaper industry and in the treatment of news concerning the Negro people.

Active in the work of the sub-committee which drafted the framework for the first workable program to combat discrimination ever established by the ANG were Adele Glasgow, delegate from the Amsterdam News; Chas Norris of PM and Charles Dolan of Memphis.

"Mmmm" says young Patricia Bath as she munches a delicious bit of

Soft Bond Bread!

Patricia approves of Bond's new soft loaf. That's easy to see. Her mother, Mrs. Gladys Bath, says, "You know how hard children are to please! I was delighted at the way Patricia went for your new, soft Bond Bread. Fight or table spreads it's grand . . . and very digestible too." Folks all over town are crazy about the tender goodness of new Bond Bread. Feel the loaf yourself and you can tell right away it's extra tender—extra fresh.



"My family's all for the new, soft Bond Bread," says Mrs. Eva Adams of 260 West 135th Street. "First time they tested the new Bond, they noticed it was different from the brand I had been buying. Much fresher and better tasting." And Bond Bread is especially good for growing youngsters, because it contains extra protein to replace restored meat.

MEET DOCTOR OWENS

Susie Lee Owens, who was awarded the Ph. D. degree from the School of Arts and Science, New York University, recently. Her thesis, The Union Leagues of America: Political Activities in Tennessee, the Carolinas and Virginia, gives a new point of view of the Reconstruction period. Dr. Owens, wife of Dr. William C. Bryant, received her A.B. degree from Howard University, and her M. A. from Columbia.

Zoot Suit Fits TIMES: Freedom Rally A Misfit

Finding it difficult to understand why the great dailies of New York would underplay Freedom Rally, in his estimation "the greatest event ever conducted under the auspices of Negroes in this country," Channing H. Tobias, who acted as chairman, wrote to The Times. The Times pleaded lack of space in view of war story pressure.

Countered Mr. Tobias: "May I ask, then, what can be the justification for using nearly two columns of space on page 31 of yesterday's (Friday, June 11th) Times, for an illustrated article on the origin of the "zoot suit?" At the top of the article you gave two pictures of Clyde Duncan, a Gainesville, Georgia, boy lay in a "zoot suit," and then there is a headline reading—"Zoot Suit Originated in Georgia: Bus Boy Ordered First One In '40—Known as 'Killer Diller.'"

As I read this article, I could not help but think of the slogan, carried by the Times for so many years:

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Article Reveals Problems In West Africa Farming

The lead article in the May edition of Foreign Agriculture, a United States Department of Agriculture publication, is devoted to agriculture in Angola (Portuguese West Africa).

Written by Sylvia S. Goodstein of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations and based in part on material prepared by Samuel R. Gilkes, Negro agriculture missionary in Angola, the article describes the whole range of rural life and farm activities in the colony.

It is pointed out that although 90 per cent of the land is suitable for farming, only 2,200,000 of Angola's 312,200,000 acres are under cultivation.

PRODUCTION RETARDED

Increased production has been retarded by low prices, insufficient trading centers in the interior, shortage of farm machinery and a shortage of trained agricultural personnel to direct the farm program. Most of the natives grow enough food for their own needs.

Angola is overcoming these difficulties by establishing experiment stations, breeding centers and by building good roads in the interior and extending railway lines.

Correction!

Last week *PV* printed on page six, the story of the Hotel Roosevelt banquet given last Friday in honor of President Barclay of Liberia. In the President's absence, President - elect Tubman spoke. Also a speaker was Dr. Max Yergan, executive director, Council on African Affairs.

PV unintentionally misquoted Dr. Yergan's speech in the second column of the story, paragraph five. *PV* said: "he said the country (Liberia) was still a small country, in many respects a colony, but that it represents progress from a colonial status to a free and independent people."

Dr. Yergan said: Liberia, happily a republic, is part of a continent, most parts of which constitute a colony."

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AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S PAL

Sgt. Cecil B. Browning, soldier in charge of the Booker T. Washington Club for Negro servicemen, is a hero to children living in the community. He is shown here presenting a prize to a child during a program at the club.—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

N. Africa Is A Little Bit Of Georgia, Seaman Says

Joseph Burns, seaman who returned from N. Africa on the Liberty Ship Betty Zane last week, is pretty perturbed about what is happening to our boys at home and abroad now risking their necks for the final overthrow of fascism.

Burns is a hard-hitting, down-to-earth guy, not yet 23, who has been around the world a couple of times. He has seen a lot of things and has plenty of "mother wit." He knows what a fascist victory would mean to the Negro and other minority groups. And he's ready now to join the armed forces to help rip the mask of treachery from the face of the world.

But there are some things he would like to see straightened out right now—things like the treatment of the 369th down in Georgia and the treatment of our boys in N. Africa.

SOLDIERS INDIGNANT

"Guys in N. Africa are indignant about the way our boys in the armed forces are being treated over here," he told *PV* this week.

"They are anxious to fight Hitler. But they are confused when dixie psychology reaches over into Africa during a time they are fighting like hell for democracy."

The boys in Oran had plenty reason to be hot, Burns said, citing the following conditions under which they are living:

- They are barred from public places;
- White soldiers are given night passes to attend movies and go visiting while they were off duty (Negro soldiers were forced to remain in camp;
- Negro soldiers seen on streets in the company of white women are summarily hauled into headquarters for questioning.

FROM BAD TO WORSE

Things are going from bad to worse, Burns says. Tension was so high last November that MP guard was trebled around public places. Then one day, the lid popped off. It was over a minor incident but the repercussions were terrific.

A few Negro soldiers, off duty, were denied entrance to a public place. It was like setting a gasoline-soaked pyre aflame.

Apartment Hunting? PV is The Guide!

Argentine Unions Lead Axis Ouster

NEW YORK—(FP)—The powerful Argentine industrial unions are leading a fight to restore complete democracy in their country, demanding complete union and political liberty as well as support of the United Nations, Allied Labor News disclosed here June 18.

The unions are continuing their efforts to oust the small army of axis agents who are still concentrated in Buenos Aires and to effect controls on the rising cost of living, one of the main points of contention in political circles.

Ask U.S. Keep Him Away From Franco

NEW YORK (FP)—The State Dept. has been urged to intercede with the Argentine government to prevent the deportation of Victorio Codovilla, an Argentine anti-fascist, to certain death at the hands of Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain. The plea was made by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Codovilla served in the ranks of the Spanish loyalist army during the fascist rebellion, and had been arrested early this year by the Castillo Argentinian government, which was recently thrown out. The new Ramirez regime has indicated that it will deport Codovilla.

Low Wages, Bad Housing Cause South Africa Riot

A commission sent to Pretoria, South Africa, to investigate riots occurring there last December when 2,000 Negro municipal workers demanded $1 a week raise above their weekly scale, issued its report recently.

Headed by fair-minded Justice John Murray, the commission made these findings public:

- That the riot sprang spontaneously from wage grievances and disgraceful housing conditions;
- That ten of the 16 Negroes killed by troops were shot in the back while fleeing armored cars.

Commented *Time Magazine*: "In a land where 2,000,000 whites dominate 7,000,000 restive Negroes the report was dynamite." It also was the voice of a nation's conscience.

Congo Brigade In Cairo Eager For 2nd Front

CAIRO — The Belgian Congo Brigade, constituted of native desert warriors under the command of non-commissioned officers of their own, are making military authorities here sit up and take notice.

They attend to the business of guiding axis prisoners with the utmost efficiency and when they are off-duty, step out with precision and dignity in colorful parades.

It is primarily a "protective army," with most of its members having seen at least 7 years' service in the Force Publique or state constabulary, concerned mainly with policing and defending the Congo. Most of their training was received under Belgian officers many of whom fought the nazis during the short, terrible campaign in the Low Countries during 1940.

Belgian officers who know something of the skill and ability of the Brigade, say the force is now ready and eager for operations in Europe when the Second Front opens, and that operating under European climatic conditions will not offer a serious handicap to the troops.

The magnificent history of the Brigade preceded it here.

LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH
Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

Fires don't start in several places at once by accident. They are set. Similarly, race riots don't erupt in several places at once by accident. They are set.

Riots in Beaumont, Texas, last week, the "zoot suit" riots in Los Angeles, trouble in the Packard plant in Detroit, racial riots in Mobile, Ala., and the brief sit-down strike because of racial antagonism in Brooklyn are indications that some force is at work to stir up the country and destroy the war effort.

It is high time that that force was recognized. This force is the new Axis strategy—subtle sabotage. It doesn't involve blowing up factories or destroying bridges or impairing armaments. It is the old-time worn and tried strategy of divide and conquer.

In every place where so-called race riots have occurred, war production has been disturbed. In Mobile, work in the shipyards was obstructed. In Beaumont, ship construction work was stopped. In Detroit, work on plane parts and tanks was held up. In Los Angeles, members of the armed forces were given a perverted view of their relationship with minority groups. All of this must be viewed as a deliberate plot on the part of appeasement and fascist elements in our country whose aim is to halt production at all cost and cripple our war effort at a time when the United Nations stand on the threshold of delivering crushing blows against our Fascist enemies.

The people await the leadership of the Administration in rooting out the traitors in our midst who, by fostering this dissension, hope to deliver our country into Hitler's hands.

This must not be allowed. Vigorous steps must be taken to expose the forces behind these so-called "spontaneous" riots and bring them to justice.

Delays in these cases are Axis aiders. Vigorous prosecution of these forces will put a stop to this new sabotage.

The race picture is not all bleak, however.

The National War Labor Board's recent decision in case 771 struck a smashing blow at Jim-Crow and Fascism. The Board's statement, "The classification of 'colored laborers' and 'white laborers' shall be abolished. All workers affected shall be classified as laborers and shall receive the same rates of pay for that classification regardless of color," goes far beyond the mere classification of workers.

It serves notice upon reactionaries, appeasers, and Southern bourbons that in this fight for the destruction of Fascism all obstacles standing in the way of the victorious termination of the conflict must be eliminated.

The Board's decision further stated that the wage increase involved in its order was made "without regard to the Little Steel formula, but with regard simply for the democratic formula of equal pay for work equal in quantity and quality in the same classification."

The Board said that this doctrine was based upon the sound American principle of equality regardless of color, race, sex, or religion or national origin.

One of the most important points in the Board's decision was its statement that, "It is the acknowledged fact that in spite of all the handicaps of slavery and discrimination, the Negro in America has compressed more progress in the shortest time than any race in human history. Whether as vigorous fighting men or for production of food and munitions, America needs the Negro. The Negro is necessary for winning the war and at the same time, is a test of our sincerity in the cause for which we are fighting."

This is only another way of saying that given the opportunity to participate in the full life of the country, our people could contribute greatly not only to the speedier conclusion of this conflict, but to the assurance of the winning and establishing of a People's peace.

That must be our goal.

WMC Says Negro Hiring Is Now On Upgrade

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Figures released by the War Manpower Commission (WMC) this week [illegible] Negro workers in [illegible] throughout the [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] in nearly all war industries [illegible] [illegible] percent of employment [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible] of Negroes is one of the most important [illegible] has been a major concern of WMC officials throughout the country, and efforts of local United States Employment Service offices have greatly aided their work.

It was pointed out, however, that Negro employment increases in war industry did not represent adequate utilization of their forces in some areas and plants. It was stated that the proportion of Negroes in war industries is not yet commensurate with their share of the labor force.

NMU Asks FDR to Root Out Traitors

Contending that recent race riots throughout the country are part of a deliberate plot on the part of American fascists and appeasers to halt production at all costs and cripple our all-out war effort, the Natonal Maritime Union (NMU) sent a telegram to President Roosevelt, Thursday, requesting that he "root the traitors out."

The telegram, signed by Ferdinand Smith, NMU national secretary, stated in part: "In proper perspective, strike of auto workers in Packard Plant in Detroit, outbreak in Mobile shipyards, shooting of five workers in Chester, Pa., West Coast riots directed against Mexican and other workers, smear campaign against Negro people in New York, and now Beaumont situation, must be recognized as concerted campaign of disruption and disunity unleashed by sinister appeasement and fascist elements in America."

NEW RADIO OPERATOR

Cpl. Seymour J. Goodman, son of Mrs. A. Goodman, 897 Dean st, Brooklyn, recently graduated from the radio operators and mechanics course at Scott Field, Ill., parent radio school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

SCHOOLS GEARED TO WARTIME LIVING

The public schools of the nation have been geared to war-time living. Here's a student at Phelps Vocational High School examines the many parts of an airplane motor. She is a member of the school's Aircraft Maintenance and Repair class and will be ready to take her place in war or peacetime industry. (OWI Photo by Roger Smith.

Refused A Clerical Job In A War Plant? Squawk!

Every Negro office worker refused employment in war industry solely because of color can do herself and the war effort a service by reporting cases to the Fair Employment Practices Committee and the Governor's Committee on Discrimination.

This statement made last week by Lorenzo Davis, industrial secretary, Brooklyn Urban League, exposed the fact that, while war plants place women workers on the assembly lines, few will use them in front offices.

Davis stated that there is no justification for this condition when it is known that Executive Order 8802, prohibiting discrimination, applies to war offices as well as factories. No argument exists for those who say that Negro women have no previous experience, since the majority of such offices accept mostly unskilled white applicants. There are also hundreds of qualified Negro women available as skilled office personnel such as typists, stencil cutters, stenographers and office machine operators.

With the exception of some local government offices which have hired numbers of them, the overwhelming majority of Negro office workers have had to make the difficult choice between accepting employment only in over-crowded Washington, D.C., or abandoning their field entirely and entering factories.

Negro women are advised to train themselves for such office work with an eye to post-war employment. The National Youth Administration offers a complete range of office work courses for women 15 to 25 years of age and will pay them $40 a month while training.

Any complaints of this type of discrimination in face of the crying need for such workers should be referred to the Brooklyn Urban League, 105 Fleet Place, Brooklyn.

Hotel Employees To Hear Negro Congress Speaker

Thelma Dale, administrative secretary of the National Negro Congress will be guest speaker Wednesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Edison Hall, 236 W. 47 st, room 7-B, at a meeting of the Negro Council of the Hotel Front Service Employees Union, local 144.

The Council, which was set up recently by representatives from 60 hotels in the local, has already set machinery in motion for a future program in the increasingly serious struggle for Negro rights.

...emed Boys May Live ...e To Layman's Plea

By ANN TWINE

On the 6th floor of an apartment house at 120 at ... ...w candles burn in every room. Salvador DeJesus who ... there spends hours at a nearby church saying prayers ...er 18-year-old son, Ramón, who has been condemned ... to the electric chair on July 8. They pray that Governor ... will advocate clemency ... ...er son.

... clemency hearing that ... held in Albany, at 2:00 ... June 30, is the result ... efforts of a man, T. C. ..., who has no connection with the case. He hopes to keep the DeJesus ... He didn't know them well. He doesn't know ...n Diaz, the 18-year-old condemned to die with DeJesus.

...liams, who lives at the YMCA, was out of town ...vacation last fall. When he returned to the city he ... for the first time the ... of the white soldier, one ... Berkowitz, who had ...ound dead in the area ... of the Church of the ...alous Medal at 114 st ... Nicholas av on Octo... 1942.

...NDED TO DEATH

... Puerto Rican youths ...ried and found guilty ... crime. One of them, ...o Romano, was given ...entence having served ...kout for the others. ... DeJesus and William ... received death sen...

Court of Appeals up... ...e original verdict, on ..., with the result that ... of their execution has ... for July 8.

...ms who had followed ...e closely spent every ...ment (he's a clerk em... ...y the city), going over ...imony in the case. He ...2,000 pages of it. The ...tion he acquired con... him that morally the ...dn't have had a fair trial.

...he finished his self... ...task he had spent ... printing costs plus ... ...ther the unofficial work. But he has the satisfaction of a letter from the Governor's office asking the date for the clemency hearing.

CRIES FACTS

His conviction that the boys have not had their "day in court" is based on the following contentions:

● The shots of eleven witnesses which resulted in their conviction started when the soldier accosted them and asked them to find him a prostitute.

● According to Williams, this action is one of the most important factors in the case. The boys were minors and when the soldier made his request, it was an illegal approach and he was contributing to their delinquency.

● Preceding the felony-murder, the soldier became a partner in crime (1) with the defendants (who were minors) by drinking whiskey with them; (2) a partner in crime with the prostitute with whom he had sexual relations almost in sight of the minors.

● That the place where this occurred had no license to sell liquor and that minors were admitted in violation of the law.

● At no time during the trial did the defense or the Court utter one word disparaging the action of the soldier.

● The jury did not get a complete picture of the case because the material mentioned above was not presented in behalf of the boys when they were unable to arrive at a fair verdict.

● Therefore Williams contends they have not had their day in Court where their side of the case can be presented though such a right is guaranteed them by the Constitution of the US and the Virginia Bill of Rights.

Williams does not question their guilt as to the murder or the robbery of the soldier; however, he believes that the soldier was guilty of the first crime when he asked the boys to "find him a woman" and that this action of the soldier's was never properly presented in defense of the boys.

He has exercised his right as a citizen of the State of New York to bring the case to the attention of Governor Dewey. Near the end of his twelve thousand word statement he carefully prepared brief he says:

"No one knows what goes on in that crowded section around 110 st and Fifth av because, not speaking English well, they endure their sorrows and bury their dead among themselves."

The brief is accompanied by a letter which states: "The accompanying statement is the work of a layman and should be read and judged with that thought in mind."

A POWERFULL APPEAL

Nevertheless Williams added a powerful appeal at the end of his thoughtfully prepared pages. It is an appeal that has been used by some of NY's most learned lawyers.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Susanna DeJesus echoes these same words in Puerto Rican as she kneels in a dimly lit church praying fervently for the life of her boy.

WHO PUSHED THEM?

Last December these three Negro youths were sentenced for the felony-murder of a white soldier, Edwin Shellcroft, on October 2, 1942. 3 to 7 Amsterdam Bureau (who served as lookout and was sentenced to life imprisonment); William Rice and Hamilton DeJesus who received death sentences. C. T. Williams, a layman, has entered an appeal in their behalf. See story on this page.

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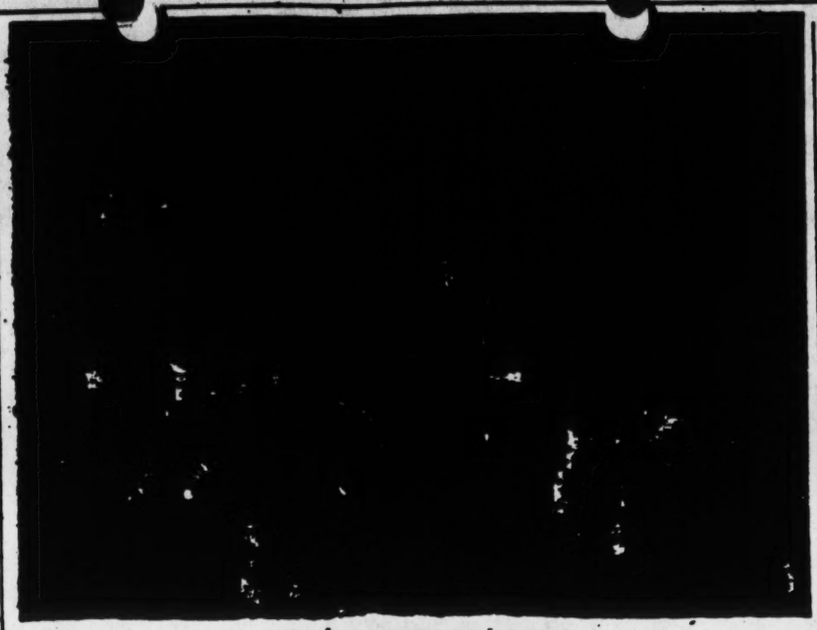
Soldiers Get Merit Awards

Four Negro soldiers who fought at Guadalcanal received the Legion of Merit award from the War Department last week for "exceptionally meritorious conduct."

The men were Ben W. Pettis, Pfc., Infantry, of Montclair, Mississippi; Jessie Harris, Pvt., Infantry, of Tuskegee, Ala.; Vernon C. Neal, Pvt., Infantry, of Baker Ville, Miss.; and Henry Smith, Jr., Pvt., Infantry, of Good Pine, La.

The text of their citation read: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services on March 27, 1943 at Guadalcanal, by leaving the comparative safety afforded by a slit trench and advancing some 350 yards over open terrain, exposed to bombing from an enemy air raid, in order to assist in evacuating casualties."



MRS. FDR ENTERTAINS KIDDIES

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt came to Harlem last week (via the subway just as you and I) and was a guest at "The History of Harlem" pageant in the auditorium of Public School 194, at 243 W 144th Street. Shown above, she's speaking to an attentive child audience.

Allen to Hear B'klyn Pastor

July 11 will be a red letter day at Allen A. M. E. Church in Jamaica, L. I., when the Rev. Jamie R. Adams of Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn shares the pulpit with Allen's pastor, the Rev. John M. Dawkins, Jr.

Appointed secretary of the general conference of his denomination Dr. Dawkins was also elevated to the post of educational Director of the A. M. E. Church. He has already reported that almost $6,000 has been raised at Allen during the short time he has been in charge.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Dawkins served as dean of Payne College in Birmingham, Ala., and pastor of St. John's church in that city, before he came to Jamaica. Since coming to Allen, Dr. Dawkins has been associated with most of the progressive religious bodies of Greater N. Y.

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A recreation room and a dayroom for the 372nd Infantry at Kingston and Atlantic Avenues in Brooklyn was opened Sunday, June 13, under the sponsorship of the Kings County Lodge of B'nai B'rith, oldest Jewish fraternal organization in the United States.

The rooms are comfortably and completely furnished. The recreation room is equipped with a ping-pong table, pool table, piano, radio, and comfortable chairs and lounges.

Hostesses at the dedication were the wives of the members of the Kings County B'nai B'rith.

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[illegible], who was 26 years [illegible] lost his life during [illegible] against enemy Japa[illegible] [illegible] in the battle of [illegible]anal, November 12-13,

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[illegible] killed when he de-[illegible] exposed himself to [illegible]un fire to protect his [illegible].

[illegible]SS Harmon, the first [illegible] to be named for a [illegible] is under construction [illegible] of the Bethlehem Company, Hingham, [illegible] and is expected to be [illegible] some time this sum-[illegible]

Didn't Issue Jimcro Order, Says Interior

WASHINGTON, D. C.—M. W. Straus, assistant secretary of the Interior, in a communication to the NAACP last week stated the Department was not responsible for the order requiring Negro clerks to use jimcro toilets in the Geological Survey unit in Clarendon, Va.

The survey bureau leases a floor in a privately-owned building. The Secretary's inquiry revealed the Arlington County Ration Board, one of the tenants, urged the building owner to set up the jimcro facilities.

Straus stated any renewal of the lease will be made with the understanding that the Interior Department has a policy of non-segregation of employees.

Junior High Ends Year Of Activity

A [illegible] the [illegible] Decatur [illegible] School, P.S. 35, [illegible] the closing meeting and [illegible] of the Parent-Teachers Assn. [illegible] 300 [illegible].

Proceeds [illegible] to be turned over to the British, Russian and Chinese War Relief funds.

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The program consisted of a stage show and a motion picture program. The P-T Association presented its president, Mrs. [illegible] B. Jackson with miniature garden enclosed in a glass bowl. The presentation was made by Mrs. Adena Thompson of P.S. 44. Mrs. Jackson has recently been elected vice-president of the United Parents Teachers Association.

Teachers of P.S. 35 who were responsible in arranging the [illegible]: Mell O. [illegible] Persons, Morris Salz, and Messrs. Greenberg, Soboro and Barbaria.

Man Burns To Death In Truck Collision

Woodrow Rivers, 30, of 44 New Bowery was burned to death and 16 persons injured last Monday afternoon when a Third Ave. trolley and a truck collided in the Bowery between East Fourth St. and Great Jones Ct.

Flames, which destroyed both vehicles, trapped Rivers in the drver's seat of the truck where the force of the collision had pinned him against the wheel.

Bystanders were powerless to help the man, and his body could not be released until firemen extinguished the blaze and burned away the front with acetylene torches.

Grand Street Boys Club Sponsors Essay Contest

A special essay contest sponsored by the Grand Street Boys' Association will have as its subject, "Lessons From the Life of George Washington Carver," Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, president of the Association announced last week.

First prize will be a $100 Series E War Bond; second and third awards will be $50 and $25 bonds, respectively. Competition is open to residents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut under 22 years of age. Essays must be under 1,000 words in length and must be submitted before July 25.

Medal for Heroic Act

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt awarded the Navy Cross last week to William Pinckney of [illegible], S. C., cook on the aircraft carrier Enterprise, for extraordinary heroism in saving a shipmate's life during the battle of Santa Cruz.

A bomb exploded, killing four of five men in an ammunition handling room. Pinckney dragged the fifth unconscious, lifted him through a hatch to safety, and then battled his way out of the burning room.

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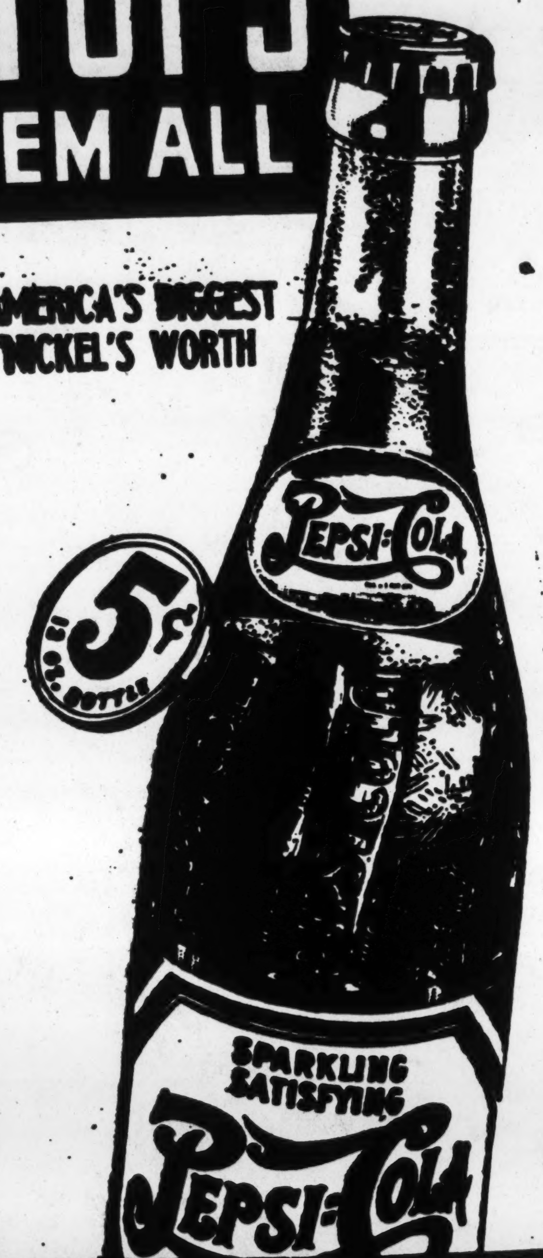

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The PEOPLE'S

Calling America: Which City Next?

It is evident that the Axis is planning an invasion of America. Hitler's pattern as used in Europe and especially the Lowlands is carefully being reproduced here in America. American Fascists must be definitely taking their orders from the Nazis and they are working in such close cooperation. The national outbreak of race rioting and lynch law completely supports every objective of the Axis and denies every principle of Democracy.

The only difference between World War I and World War II is that the rioters at least had the decency to wait until after the previous war had concluded. Today the blood-thirsty pack of downhill cowards cannot wait. The list of cities in which the riots occurred during the past two weeks is almost unbelievable—LOS ANGELES, DETROIT, MOBILE, NEWARK, CAMP STEWART, CHESTER, BEAUMONT. CALLING AMERICA! WHICH CITY NEXT?

The F.B.I. has done a good job in rounding up foreign saboteurs. It has distinctly failed its mission as regards domestic Fascists. It is high time that it busied itself—if it isn't already too late. If they had spent half the time they used on rounding up crackpot Negro nationalists in rounding up perverted Klu Klumers, Christian Frontiers, and Coughlinites, then there wouldn't be any riots in America today. Our government has been mysteriously soft-hearted in dealing with the big-time Fifth Columnists of America. The race riots of the past few weeks must be laid directly at the doorstep of the government's failure to wipe out American Nazis even if citizens.

Roosevelt is playing politics too much. The South is being handled with a kid glove. The northern representatives of Southernism are being allowed to have their own way. It is time the President of the United States stopped phony investigations of lynchings, police brutality, maltreatment of black soldiers, mob law and got down to business. The Attorney General of the United States and the head of the F.B.I., if they are really serious about this and are given a clear-cut go-ahead signal from the White House can clean up America's brand of Fascism in short order.

IN THE MEANTIME NEGRO MORALE ACCELERATES ITS DOWNHILL PROGRESS.

WHAT WILL THE NEGRO TROOPS FROM BEAUMONT, TEXAS, THINK WHEN THEY READ OF THE DEVASTATION OF THEIR HOMES AND THE BEATING OF THEIR LOVED ONES?

THE QUESTION THAT NOW CONCERNS US IS NOT—WILL WE WIN THE PEACE, BUT WILL WE WIN THE WAR, AND IF SO, WHICH ONE?—ABROAD OR AT HOME?

John Clayton Thomas

We Cannot Be Bought—EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE—We Will Not Be Sold

TOWN HALL

The Voice Selects As the Most Important Question of the Week:

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This is the month of graduations. Do you agree with those who say we should not send our youth to Negro colleges?

PRO: *Mary Moreland, Morehouse College; Univ. Toronto; Harvard Journalist, N.Y.C.*

I agree because Negro colleges are in the South. It is not true, as was once reported, that my attitude toward the South led me to deny its existence. What I said was that an effective argument could be made why it should not exist. Indeed I have wished it were impossible. I have attended school in Atlanta, Toronto, and Cambridge; have taught in Arkansas and Oklahoma. I saw much in all places, and learned, not unnaturally, some important things meanwhile. The question, then, here is for one of temperament and taste in respect to Southern life. On the whole, I found my teachers better at Morehouse than elsewhere, more gifted in pedagogy and of a finer sense of true scholarly values. Yet I wouldn't send a son of mine South to school. Why? A growing boy in pursuit of an education ought to feel free and easy not only within the school community but in the community at large. At any rate, the laws of the community should not be set so sternly to hem him in; or, if he is one whose tastes are not altogether uninformed, to put him in peril of his life. For those, however, who think to find some "racial" value in sending a child South to school it may be just as well to have a go at it. Surely those who find this kind of thing enjoyable, in Lord Palmerston's phrase, will doubtless find this "racial" thing enjoyable.

CON: *Dr. M. W. Dogan, 56 years, President, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas*

I do not agree. Forty-six years experience with Negro youth in a Negro college is the basis for my disagreement. The social relationships, so essential for the proper training of youth for life, provided a Negro youth in a Negro college cannot be obtained in a white college. The attitudes generated by clubs and fraternities in a Negro college act as a bulwark against American anti-social pressures on Negro youth. When a Negro boy or girl suffers the rebuffs of segregation and exclusion in a white college, because of his impressionable stage in life he undergoes a tremendous psychological setback. A Negro faculty that lives through the same experiences as the student is able to do for him by way of preparation what no white teacher can, who by force of circumstances, is not drawn close to him. On the question of scholastic attainment, for the most part, this depends upon the individual student. It certainly is a fact that there are good schools and bad schools both in the North and in the South, whether they are for Negroes or are mixed schools. After all, college preparation is for life and a job. Negro colleges are better fitted both in experience and sympathy to find the right job for the student.

The People:

Charlotte Observer, journalist, NYC: No. I have attended both a white and a Negro college. As in the case with every phase of Negro life today the old differences have long since ceased. Negro colleges are equal to white colleges scholastically and surpass them in social advantages.

James Watson, investigator, NYC. Va. Union grad: No. Youth between 17 and 23 years are probably in their most impressionable years. During these years he has to learn how to make his best approach to his own people, since in later life he must practice among his own people.

La Valle Cooke, social worker, NYC: Howard and N. Y. U. Yes. Admitting the definite advantages to be realized in a Negro school, I wish to be realistic about this serious question. We are unfortunately living in a world dominated by a white man's economy and value is laid on colleges unknown to him.

Louise Hill, government employee, Washington, DC: No. There are definite advantages in sending a Negro youth to a Negro college. In white colleges, our youth suffer the embarrassment of exclusion from fraternal and social organizations. This life is essential to a full preparation for life.

W. C. Reid, Steward, State Dept., Washington, DC: I think our youth should get the slant on life the Negro college offers. He should learn to understand his people's plight and their culture intelligently. White colleges do not give him the approach to his race necessary to overcome false ideas about it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASE WORD NEGRO

Dear Sir: I am taking the liberty to write in answer to the question of the week which appeared in a recent issue as follows, "Do you object to the term Negro?" My answer is an emphatic "YES," and I long to see the day when it will be erased from our vocabulary. Permit me to congratulate you on the publication of a paper that is in every sense of the word "The People's Voice."

Mrs. Emma A. Dixon
New York City.

ON NORTH AFRICA

Dear Sir: I enjoy reading your paper. You would be surprised to know how it helps to keep up the morale of my fellow soldiers over here in North Africa. It gives us a better understanding of our war aims and the defeat of fascism. Keep up the good work.

Sgt. Ben Parker
Co. A 363 Op.M.Bn.
APO 638 c/o Postmaster
New York City

BIT OF CRITICISM

Dear Sir: A regular reader of your paper here in Washington, I wish to criticize the coverage of news, from this city. Charles Pearce, who is evidently your Washington correspondent, hears rumors, wonders where to and so is, but never seems to know anything. While big news is breaking daily, he writes social copy. Joe Bostic should continue to pioneer for athletic democracy, and drop his odds laying column.

A Washington Reader

(Ed. Note: PV is always glad to hear criticisms, actually. Washington Reader doesn't need to be so mysterious.)

COLOR BAR DOWN IN BOISE

Sir: I think that it is no more than right to let the outside world know of the strides that have been made to break down the barriers of segregation here in Boise, Idaho.

When we first came to the Air Base here, everything was closed to us on the basis of race. Little by little the whites of the town began to realize we were not the animals they had been led to believe we were. First, a church, then a restaurant broke tradition by announcing that colored soldiers would be welcome at any time. That was the beginning of the breakdown that has now spread over most of the town.

Last week the largest and best hotel in Boise offered its banquet hall for our use. The banquet was attended by ranking officers of the Base and Aviation Squadron personnel.

When we have to patronize the only businesses here, it makes merchants realize that we are respectable citizens and that the color of our money is the same as the remainder of the population. If this could be realized not only in Boise, Idaho, but throughout the land—then this country might be able to boast of a true democracy.

Pfc. William E. Hines, Librarian,
Gowen Field, Hdqtr. 30th Aviation Squadron,
Boise, Idaho.

LIKES SOAPBOX

Sir: I particularly enjoyed Adam Powell's Soapbox recently. The story of "Isabel" and her dealing with points, selling prices, and storekeepers was humorously informative. Our 12-year-old goddaughter is the rationing authority in our home, and has Mrs. Powell's idea of comparing prices and products before purchasing.

Perhaps if we send her over to the People's Committee she will be able to pick up some more ideas on the point system. As she understands the whole thing better than her god-mother or myself we have to rely on her a great deal.

Leonard Blackmer
2207 7th ave

PV FOR THE PEOPLE

Sir: I am a regular reader of PV and from the tone of the articles I have decided that it is fighting for all people. Keep up the good work and remember that you have 12,000,000 Negroes depending on your type of leadership.

Corp. Morris M. DeLisser
Co. C-357 QM.Bn.
Fort Ord, Calif.

Manhattan Memo:

By NELL ROBSON

It might have been just a coincidence—but Al Duckett, one of the better race-sufferers who was sent to Camp Stewart to get in "tanks" goes for the Afro was re-classified and sent Greetings all within the period he received and completed the Afro enjoyment . . . Elsie Mae Hedley, the tawn-tressed lovely, officially tied the knot with Fighting Sam Ray Robinson last week, and is now apartment hunting. . . . Also for Better-or-Worse: Hilary prop Ed Small and Dot Dash. The new Jillmon Small celebrated the big event by tearing out the interior of the Small homestead and redecorating the whole place. Very smart, they say. Her sister Elaine Dash in town to look over the Main Stem and maybe the dwindling crop of bachelors. Wedding bells tolled too for Maudine Simmons, the former charm pretty and Nelson Sykes, owner of Windy City's famous Brass Rail. . . . Town hasn't stopped tittering outta woos over the Little Flower's lapse of memory in the last air-raid alarm which caused him to forget to order the all-clear. Bringing to mind the fact that New Yorkers are now using Butch's noon air-raid shrieks sounded each Saturday at 12:00 to regulate their watches.

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Seeing Windy Wallace, the perennial D. C. playboy in town for the Armstrong-Angott anti-fracas recently, I recalled first stumbling across His Hi-Jinks in Iowa City, Ia., a few years back when during one of those football week-ends the fuse blew out in the Alpha frat house and dunked the jernt in indigo. From out of the darkness came a disgusted chortle: "I knew we should have paid the bill!" Windy Wallace.

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THE PASSING PARADE: Jules Adjer, formerly of the Cotton Club Boys, in town on furlough looking contented, healthy and handsome. . . . Getting out of his buggy in front of the Theresa: Dr. Marshall Ross, the Mr. Five-By-Five of the local medical profession. . . . Crossing 125th at Seventh: Betty Rosbe, the Duke Ellington canary in dark glasses but still looking like Betty Rosbe. At Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth: Betty Grable, the movie queen with the legs, looking leggy as she scoots hurriedly along. And pretty, too. . . . At 145th and Seventh: Leon Abbey, the movie-maker, dashing frantically across the street in his bandstand togs. . . . Wasn't that Ida James, the Erskine Hawkins cutie, toting a shopping bag filled with groceries along 125th a few days back? . . . I always wonder who pours Andy Kirk into his suits? . . . Spinky Alston, the OWI cartoon kid in town, still one of the world's lankiest guys. . . . Jimmy Fuller, the ex-actor, vearing in Wall Street, is turning down summer theatre jobs. He'd rather eat than emote. . . . Is Jane Richmond, the Andy Kirk vocal dynamo, getting plumper? . . . News from the Hawaii contingent of the 369th: Long John Woodruff, the ex-trackster, is now a captain, and David Hart has gone and done it. The bride is a Hawaiian beauty, Betty Ashe.

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"The blase strollers of Fifth Avenue, the world's most famous thoroughfare, don't bat an eyelash at movie stars, stage luminaries and other celebs who pass practically unnoticed, but the sight of two Negro first lieutenants looking snappy and soldierly practically caused a traffic stoppage in the Radio City vicinity last Wednesday.

IS THIS NEW YORK?

By YVONNE GREGORY

Two weeks ago PM's Nell Dodson wrote a lurid colyum and called it "Is This New York?" I borrowed her space this week to ask: "Is This New York?"

Riding alone, with two friends, I went to dinner at a Broadway restaurant in the midtown section. One of them was a soldier from a camp in North Carolina who was down here to be breathing "free air" again, and the other was a British correspondent. We ate a wonderful dinner, and then started to talk about the race riots that have flared throughout the country during recent weeks.

The soldier said he had been surprised to notice faint signs of race tension even here in New York. "I wonder what is responsible for that," he said.

He barely got the words out of his mouth when two American sailors strode through the door, yelling at the top of their voices: "If there are any niggers in here they better get [illegible] we'll throw 'em out."

They both had broad Southern accents. Everyone in the place turned around in amazement. They couldn't believe what their ears had heard. Then, naturally, everyone's eyes began to bore holes through the three of us. The sailors roared again, "We want to find some niggers so we can throw them out of here."

Things were very tense there for about five minutes and I must confess I had my hand on a glass ready to swig into action. But several men persuaded the sailors to forget the whole thing.

We couldn't forget. Deliberately we sat there for another half hour, still trying to recover from the shock. A man came over from the bar, looking as though he were ready to cry. He said: "You acted like gentlemen. As a white man I want to apologize for these sailors. Please be kind enough to overlook their ignorance and stupidity, will you?"

Washington

By DRAPER PEARCE

WASHINGTON—News of the various widespread racial outbreaks in the country during the past week or so do not help Democracy's cause—and the sooner the poor whites who instigate most of this trouble realize what they are doing for the Axis, the better off Democracy is going to be. Look: Los Angeles; Chester, Pa. (a repeater in racial outbreaks—if they can be called this, the happening at the Sun Shipbuilding Company, Yard 4), Mobile, Ala.; Beaumont, Texas; and wherever race hatred prevails.

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Al White converving with lovely Elsie Austin, president of the Delta sorority as she stepped from her car Sunday.

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S. James Fleming of FEPC waiting at a table in a restaurant for Milton Webster and A. Philip Randolph, while Elmer Henderson of the same outfit, scurried in to meet the others and not be late.

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Carter Woodson, the historian, in deep and earnest conversation with the Rev. William H. Jernagin, noted Baptist youth leader.

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Cuthbert Patrick, newsman back in D.C. after a visit to Harlem to bid adieu to home folk preparatory to donning the season's favorite color, khaki.

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Conflicting reports of the Associated Publishers meeting down in Louisville, attended by Sherman Briscoe of Agriculture, Poston of OWI and Gibson of the War Department, Fleming of FEPC as government representatives and observers. Briscoe says one thing, Fleming says another, so who's right? At any rate, some of the larger Eastern publications were not represented. Why?

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Insiders are wondering why a certain national weekly keeps insisting that Dr. Weaver is "ousted." For the second time in eight months, they have carried similar stories.

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"Dr." Warren Brown was a Washington visitor last week as was Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk University. The latter conferred with Will Alexander—while the former conferred with gosh knows who.

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Is Ol Harrington going abroad? From the information received from persons attending Publishers meeting, the answer might be a big NO.

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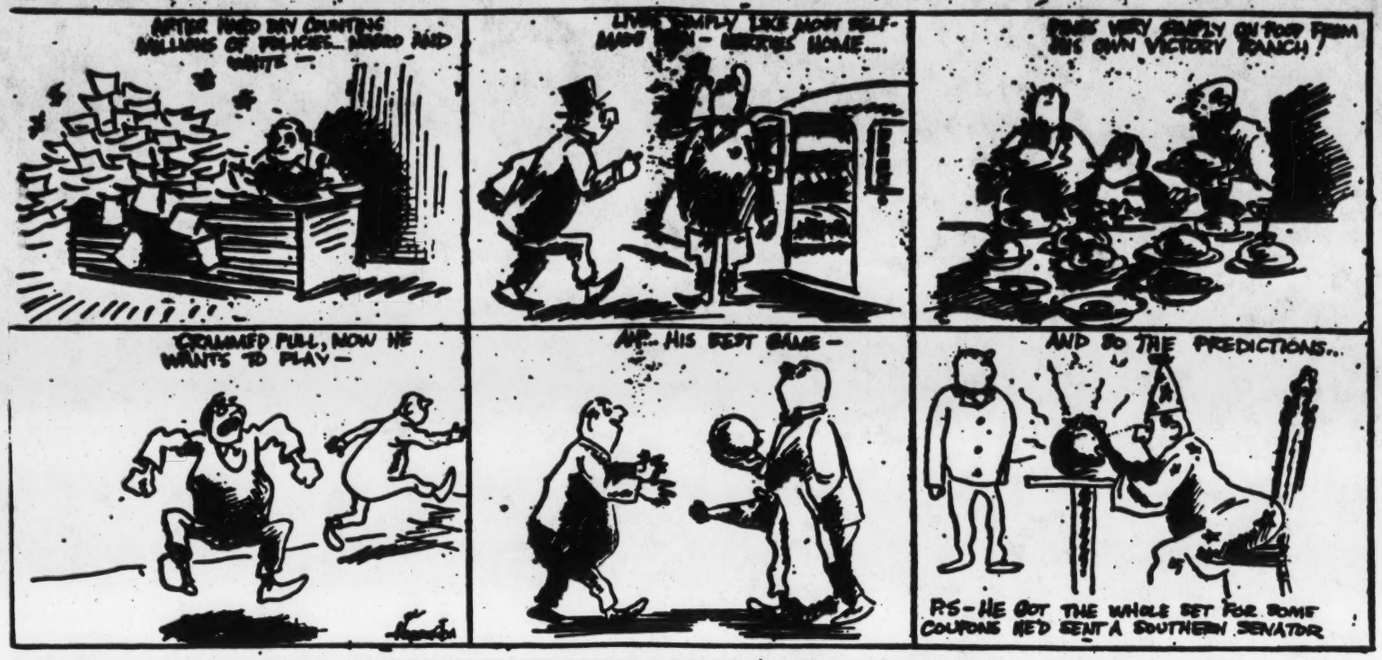
If perchance an accident would happen to Dutton Ferguson's car enroute to work some morning, OPA would lose a legal division chief, a public relationsman, an efficient elemo; Agriculture would lose an expert in home economics and an associate information specialist. WOW!!! Old Cyclops hauls the brains these days, doesn't she?

SAM — **Brandford**

BLUES IN THE NEWS

News Item: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. executive says, and Negroes and whites may be able to live together in a hundred years . . . perhaps. PV pictures development of this profound statement.



DIAL TIME

By JOE BOSTIC

PEAK PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK: The close harmonizing of the Deep River Boys on the Cresta Blanca Carnival last Wednesday night (WABC-CBS—Wed-10:30 pm)

As we listen to the *Wings Over Jordan* programs these Sabbath mornings we note the presence of several new solo voices and are pleased to report that they seem to add a lot to the general enjoyment of the show. Now if the musical heads of the show would enlarge the repertoire, this enthusiastic booster of the broadcast would be happy indeed. (WABC-CBS—Sun-10:30 am).

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The Harrison Jubilee Singers on *The Negro Sings* program seem to have discovered a pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable format for the presentation of religious music without resorting to the fire and brimstone technique. Their Hymn of the Week feature on this program ranks definitely as one of the highlights of this weekly divertissement. (WLIB—Sun-9:00-9:30 am).

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Despite the fact that we have been hearing many stories of the projected airing of the Blueberry Hill sponsored coast-to-coaster, to date we have received no official confirmation from the network involved or the proposed sponsorship . . .

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Wonder when the networks are going to begin looking around for new faces on their dramatic scripts? To date the available roles have been divvied among a unwittering handful of actors to the exclusion of many capable ones. . . . One of the networks is in the throes of creating a real morale builder, which will show the tremendous (but little publicized) jobs that hundreds of Negroes throughout the country are doing. . . . With the big season for radio behind us, a review of the situation in commercial broadcasting is anything but encouraging in the light of the times and the tremendous volume of consumer consumption of nationally advertised products. Best examples of fair treatment of Negro artists are the Bing Crosby (Kraft's) show with a swell presentation of the Charioteers; The *Cresta Blanca Carnival* (Schenley's), who present top flight artists in roles other than the handkerchief type; Benny (Grape Nuts Flakes) with Rochester; Spotlight Bands (Coca Cola); The Band Wagon (Fitch Shampoo); Red Skelton program with Wonderful Smith (Raleigh Cigarettes); Eddie Green on the *Duffy's Tavern* show (Minstrels) and the *Great Gildersleeve's* Lillian Randolph (Johnson's Wax). When you consider the many products seeking consumer approval via the airwaves, this is a pitifully small number that is playing fair by allocating a part of the radio budget to the Negro consumer, who buys a considerable amount of merchandise.

Hey Home:

Old man I picked up on a hard play the other dark, when I fell into the main frolic pad to dig an issue that jumps off in the sound box each and every seven. The kids who operate the frolic pad came up with this play about eight twelves ago and it's been a winner from the jumpoff. Here's the way the play goes down The kids from the scream pad pick up the issue and send it out over the ozone. Kids from the Congo dash to the sound pickup in the front of the frolic pad and lay down their issue and then the mob out front beat their matchers—but hard. The stud or chick that they raise the most thunder for picks up on a fin, deuce or trey of them lambs tongues with the dead presidents on 'em. Man I climbed up to heaven to eyeball the play and was really sent. Some kids stashed by me put down on a mad bouncy tip that nearly mixed the top plane for a little chirp who could mentally go. But some other kids came up with a heavier hurrah and a stud matched the top gold for his hard chirping. Jack, you should get a load of this play, it will really bust a hole in you.

TRANSLATION: Homeboy went to the Apollo theatre to see the weekly Amateur Night In Harlem broadcast and thought it was a great show. It has been broadcast for 8 years. He endorses that neighborhood Harlem children vie for the money prizes. The night he was there 1st prize was won by a male singer despite the fact that a girl obviously had her personal stooges on hand rooting for her.—JWB.

Little Luther Needles the News

"Well, I see they're going to get the reds out of the government," Mr. Dilworth said, to nobody in particular.

"Wassamatter?" piped up Luther. "Did they catch somebody trying to boost production?"

"Don't be sarcastic, Luther. These are dangerous times. Subversive elements are working in Washington."

"You mean those people who are trying to keep prices down—so everybody can eat?"

"Sometimes I think you don't even try to understand. Price fixing is un-American. It limits profits and without profits . . ."

"And without profits, the big guys would go to work for Hitler, yuh, Pop?"

"Certainly not. But there are limits to patriotism and self sacrifice. Mr. Hoover says. . . ."

"Mr Hoover says we ought to go back to the first world war. That's when prices went up 101 per cent and wages lagged way behind, isn't it? That's when they had to have 200 per cent profits."

"That isn't true in this war."

"No. In this war they want 200 per cent."

"Free enterprise has got to be preserved, Luther."

"Why does it have to be rewarded, Pop? Last week you said it was a way of life."

"Of course. But initiative and free enterprise are threatened. If subsidies go through. . . ."

"That's enough, young man. through the people can eat, the farmers can live, the big boys will still make a fair profit. That's probably what's eating them. A fair profit is out of date. It's all or nothing, isn't it, Daddy?"

"That's enough, young man. You go right up to bed. I warned you about reading red propaganda."

"But, Father, I got all this from Mr. Hoover and the NAM!"

Selah Jubilee Singers At Gate Sunday

The Selah Jubilee Singers, for many years radio favorites on several New York stations, return to the scene of their early triumphs this Sunday. They will appear at the Golden Gate Ballroom to celebrate their 12th anniversary.

For the past year the group has been enjoying great success in Raleigh, N. C., where they have been broadcasting over WPTF.

Their commercial broadcast has been heard daily and has consistently ranked as one of the most popular programs of its kind in the entire South.

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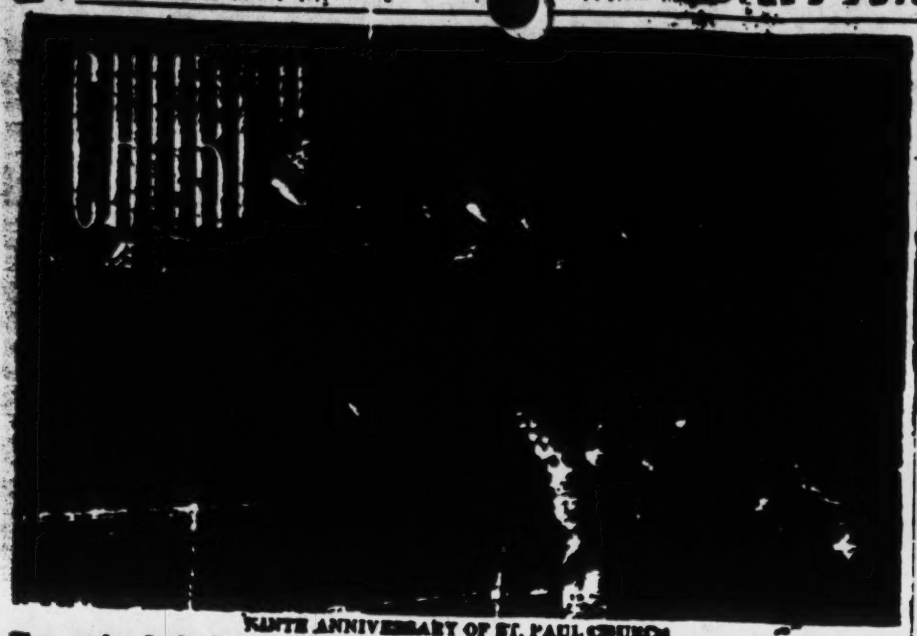

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL CHURCH

Three services Sunday brought to a close a week of special features celebrating the Ninth Anniversary of St. Paul Progressive Methodist Church, 58 W 126 st, NYC. Rev. Wm. A. George, Pastor of St. Paul, has guided the congregation since its beginning and is active in all phases of the work. Photographer Morgan Smith took the picture from this angle so you could get a glimpse of the pastor directing his choir . . . a group with choirs values that appears on programs throughout the city. Their guest artists during the celebration included many soloists and musical group along with H. T. Burleigh, *famous composer of Negro Spirituals*. Guest ministers taking part in the program were the Rev. Clark, Harriden, *of John Wesley*; E. Coddington *of St. Stephen*, E. E. Pearson, Christian Mission, E. E. Durrant and others. Organizations of native British Islanders that attended the celebration were the Virgin, Anegada, Anguilla, Antigua, Bhan, and Nassau Bahamas. Representatives of white churches also took part on the program.

Dedication Services Sunday at Jamaica

Dedication services of the Holy Trinity, 109-14 New York Boulevard, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., were featured with special programs Sunday, June 20.

The Festival of the Holy Trinity was held at 4 P.M. Rev. Walter M. Ruccius, president, Long Island Conference, United Lutheran Synod of New York, delivered the edificatory sermon.

Rev. Jesse Wayman Routte, tenor soloist and Pastor of the church, was sent by the Board of American Missions to Jamaica and Upper Harlem in 1932. He has guided the church mission until it has developed into one of the most progressive churches of that faith.

Women's Medical Corps in Commencement June 4

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, 261 W 28th st, N.Y.C., will witness the commencement exercises of its Women's Medical Corps at 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, July 4.

Aside from the commencement the flag of the Women's Corps will be dedicated, and a service pledge covering the women in service. John A. Johnson, Sr., is commanding officer, and the Rev. Thos. H. Howe is minister of the Adventist Church.

Thought Of The Week

Let no man or woman be tempted to lower the standard set up in heart, home, church, and nation by the ever-loving and understanding Christ. No substitute can take its place or provide the sure satisfaction. No stimulant can so strengthen or encourage a person as can his own act of upholding the Christ standard. It inspires the man who hears it, carries him on to victory, to mastery of self and upliftment of his country and the world.—Excerpts from Daily Word, A Unity Publication.

FDR Recommends AME Bishop for War Zone

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt, it is recommended that Bishop [illegible] Grant of the AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas, go to the Middle War Zone to review Negro troops. The President made the decision following a conference with delegation representing five different denominations, headed by Bishop R. R. Wright.

The representatives included Bishops James A. Bray CME Church, Chicago; David H. Sims, AME New York district; W. J. Walls, AME Zion, Chicago; L. H. King, AME, Atlanta; C. L. Bonnell, CME, Washington, D. C., and Dan. J. H. Marshall and W. H. Jernigan Baptists, of Washington, D. C.

Christian Youth Stage Big War Bond Drive

DALLAS, Texas—A big war bond drive sponsored by the Young People's organization of the National Baptist Convention was among the history-making epochs of the Lone Star State June 9-13 when Christian youth of the nation stage a drive to promote thrift and patriotism. More than 1,000 representatives of various organizations participate in the war bond campaign.

Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn. directed the drive. Lectures included William Pickens and James O. Thomas of federal government divisions; W. J. Hale, associate state administrator of Tennessee, and Mrs. A. R. Fuller, Austin, Texas, chief of the Women's Division, National Baptist Convention.

Rev. Bernard Byrd, Pastor of Gould Street Baptist Church, and his congregation were hosts to the delegation.

Bishop's Council of AME Church to Meet June 23

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Bishop's Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will meet June 23-25 at the St. James Church, Rev. Paul A. Hughes, Pastor.

The Rev. Noah W. Williams, Presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, will be host to the council.

Our Churches
Religious Views and News

They Heed the Call to Service:

In the Church Building To Build a Church of Tomorrow:

AGAIN we come back to the church and the post-war world. The reason is obvious. Vice-President Wallace has well said: "This is the age of the common man." Long ago that mighty host of human souls learned to depend upon God for guidance. This has strengthened their hope in the church—especially for guidance in times of distress. From the radio room, the movie screen, on street cars and busses, on street corners and hourly on the job men and women are talking and planning for the world of tomorrow—just what they are going to do when the war is over and our boys are home again. These same people are asking aloud why the church keeps telling them how to die when their very souls are being tormented with the task of how to live down here on earth. They are asking consecrated Christians just what is the church doing about helping people to live when this war is over. Women and youth are challenging the church to action.

BOGGIS

A Bit of Advice from a Young Minister, Formerly an Atheist:

This week youth have replied in no uncertain terms to our column of June 12 on *What is the Church Doing About Building the Post-War World?* This bit of advice has come from William R. Boyd, once known as Harlem's A-1 boastful atheist, who, only a *few* months ago reversed his course of action, and was ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel by Bishop L. S. Jones of St. Patti Holy ME Church.

"Building the post-war world is a challenge to the whole Christian church," said the youthful minister. "Failing to realize this in time may spell disaster. But, first, the church must be able to read the signs of the times in which we are living. Israel and Judah went down in destruction because they were not able to discern the signs of the time.

"Jesus came with a life-giving program. He was not only concerned with heaven, but how people live down here on earth." In conclusion, the Rev. Boyd declared: "I am not worried about heaven. I am worried about this world in which we are living—about your problems and mine. I am not worried about golden streets, I am worried about the streets of Harlem. I am not worried about long white robes. I am worried about proper clothing for our children. If my fellow colleagues spent just one-half the time helping people to live that they spend preaching about heaven, the world would be a better world, and heaven would have prepared citizens to live in it."

Women Evangelists Challenge the Church to Action:

By air mail, special delivery, Sunday morning came woman's challenge to the program of the Christian Church. Coca Scott and Rhoda Page of Connecticut stepped out to defy traditional denominational doctrines and practices, and do what the church has failed to do—teach, preach and practice *The Gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.*

Breaking down the denominational custom of barring women from the Ministry, the Women's Evangelical League of Methodists, Baptists, and who-so-ever-will, has decreed to preach and teach the Gospel to all men regardless of race, creed or denomination. A few Sundays ago eight of these women were installed by Rev. G. W. Quarker, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Independent AME Church. Taking part in the program were nearly 50 women of the Ministry whose pastors have not yet cooperated with them in their field of service. Nevertheless, they are preaching, teaching, and practicing the Gospel of Jesus. Sunday Evangelists, Scott and Page, will come down from Connecticut to be ordained by Rev. Quarker so they may lawfully take their places of leadership in the post-war program. There is no denying the fact that women must evangelize the post-war world.

Baptist Congress Meet: Jernagin Salute Night

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., opened its annual session here Tuesday with President Wm. H. Jernagin, Washington, D.C., directing. Thousands of delegates from all parts of the country are flocking headquarters at Zion Baptist Church, the Music Auditorium where general sessions are being held, and the Baptist Bowker Street High School—scene of departmental meetings.

Special programs have been arranged for the entire week featuring such guests speakers as Dr. D. V. Jemison, president, National Baptist Convention; Junius L. Lesslie, director, National Civilian Defense; Charles P. Taft, assistant director, Defense of Health and Welfare; and Dr. J. H. Rushbrook, London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

CHURCHES

Courses are being offered in Sunday School and BTU Training on a schedule that permits workers to enroll in both departments. Sunday afternoon, June 27, announcement services will be held and certificates awarded. This year, for the first time, emphasis being placed on missionary work, and delegates from missionary departments of hundreds of churches are attending sessions.

JERNAGIN NIGHT

The youth of the nation saluted Friday night on testimonial night in honor of President W. H. Jernagin who has been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years, a minister and pastor 53 years, and has given 44 years to leadership in the denomination. Dr. Jernagin is a native of Mississippi.

REV. GEORGE PAYNE

Two weeks of dedicatory services in the new home of Victory Baptist Church, 901 E 163d st, the Bronx, proved that progress does not wait on time. The new four-story building with two auditoriums and modern features has been leased for two years with choice for purchase if desired. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, preached the dedicatory sermon that wound up the two weeks of special features and services of worship.

Our St. James Fund

This week our St. James Fund receives a three month renewal subscription to PV from:

Juanita Hanks, member of PV's Soldiers Correspondence Unit for

Mrs. Pinkie L. Rogers, 2200 N. 27th Pl, Birmingham, Ala.

Your $, too, will send PV for three months to someone loved one or some boy or girl in the service of our country. Contact Willie Anna Bigsby, religious editor.

Soldier Boys Begging For Army Chaplains

This week there comes an urgent appeal from the U. S. A. Chaplains' Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., for pastors and ministers throughout the nation to become CHAPLAINS and serve our boys in the armed forces.

The letter sent out by Captain James R. C. Finn, Chaplain, to pastors and ministers contains this striking statement: "Our young men, who are going out to give all, need spiritual administration. They need the religious help that our Lord Jesus Christ has to bring to them through YOU, His servant. Will you lend that call to become their Chaplain?"

Chaplains begin work as First Lieutenants, with full pay and allowances of that grade. The age range is 24 to 50 years.

Since April the Army has continuously pleaded with the ministry to become Chaplains because our boys are in dire need of moral and spiritual guidance. Page three to this PV has printed articles, editorials and letters from soldiers begging for Chaplains. One Negro woman answered the call but was assigned to WAAC service. Since the army needs one chaplain to every 1000 men, and there are now nearly 10 million men in service, soldiers are wondering if the Army will let down the bars and permit women to serve as Chaplains. When this happens the shortage of Chaplains will cease.

THE CHILD GETS ATTENTION

Sunday afternoon the Juvenile Welfare Council, Justice Stephen S. Jackson, director, featured a program for Harlem community in interest of "Religion in the Life of the Child." Dean Basil Matthews, host, native of Trinidad, student of Religion, Professor of Religion at Massachusetts College last year and student of social work at Fordham, did honor to the Priesthood with a masterful address holding the occasion. Shubert Music Society (above), Edward Margetson, director, opined the program with anthems and original compositions by the director. Father Matthews' address followed those of Rabbi Wm. F. Rosenblum and Rev. Eugene C. Candor, all of whom were unanimous in belief that there is no substitute for "religion in the life of the child."

2 Soldiers Burn Up Bishop Sore—No Aid

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Saturday night two soldiers, Pvt. Patterson and Pvt. Holloway, burned to death in an attic room they rented for the night while home on furlough. Milwaukee is upset. Both white and Negro citizens are furious and talking out loud about discrimination and segregation at the USO. But there has never been such praise at the center. Even Bishop David William Sheet's squawking doesn't make it so.

The YWCA, Charles Young Post of American Legion, 51st Reserves, Public School organizations and two church groups tabled efforts and carry on USO duties. Since the beginning it has carried the soldiers alike.

Bishop Sheet declares it "is bad sportsmanship and affront of common decency that the soldiers should find a death trap instead of suitable lodging here." This is true, but had Bishop Sheet investigated the work of the center, he would realize the injustice of his criticisms. If the Bishop and his churches would support the USO it would be able to accommodate hundreds of soldiers and eliminate reasons for future mishappenings.

Closes Series On Faiths; Discusses Catholic Views

Rev. Ethelred Brown will close the series of sermons on the practices of various faiths as he discusses The Roman Catholic views Sunday evening. The discussion will center around the infallibility of the Pope, Confession and Absolution, Purgatory and Holy Water.

The Harlem Unitarian Church meets in Room 201, YWCA, 144 W 135 st, at 8:00 PM.

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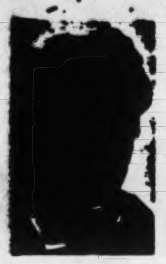
The LIGHTER SIDE

By ANN PETRY

If all of God's children, upstairs, downstairs, and [illegible] got how about it's no fault of theirs, for the view from PV's office window down (it's kind of [illegible] by three signs) showed the world and his wife and his cousin and his mother-in-law storming [illegible] the length of the block.



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[illegible] the child of [illegible] on any corner [illegible] a couple of [illegible]—this block market entirely [illegible] females with sheets full of sheet [illegible] make a last-minute dash to get another pair [illegible] it's a strange world.

Mrs. Miriam Berry of the Manhattan-Washington Council of Final Fifth War Service did a swell job decorating a room for Negro sailors at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island . . . the room was dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm . . . the Council provided the funds and Mrs. Berry did the work.

Bel Ottley pocketed $2,500 last week when he won the award for books published in the LIFE-IN-AMERICA series by Houghton Mifflin . . . the book, New World A-Coming will be published in August. Ottley is publicity director for the National CIO Committee.

Ernie Johnson of ANP, only newspaper man assigned to President Barclay's retinue, received autographed photographs from both Barclay and Tubman. . . inscriptions on the fotos state that as far as they're concerned he's tops—an opinion this column has always shared. . .

The NY Hampton Club's formal dance at the Renaissance, Thursday night, brought forth a bevy of gals in summery evening gowns and gents in white tuxedos . . . all very elegant and reminiscent of those pre-war days when formals were every night affairs and taxis just a matter of raising a little finger. . . .

Sybil Gowdy is in Syracuse, NY, doing a swell job . . . artist Frederick Perry is out at the Kaiser plant in Oregon actually using his artists' training in his job . . . he's also doing a lot of purely volunteer community work . . . says that folks out there are slightly suspicious of NYers, but are gradually getting used to them. . . .

Arthur and Ada Wilson, 461 W 141 st, have announced the arrival of a girl bundle . . . said bundle was deposited on the Wilson's doorstep at 11:40 pm, on June 12 . . . the new arrival is Cecelia Elaine, weight eight pounds, five and one quarter ounces . . . her pappa is saxaphonist in Don Wilson's orchestra. . . .

For the benefit of the youngsters who viewed the Harlem Pageant given last week at PS 194—the Negro National Anthem was written by James Weldon Johnson and his brother Rosamond Johnson . . . not by James Weldon Johnson and his wife Rosamond. . . .

Kenneth Spencer sang with the National Symphony Orchestra at Watergate in Washington, DC, last Friday . . . same night Ashley Pankey took over Spencer's spot at Cafe Society . . . Alta Douglas had as her house guest last week, Mrs. Lawrence Hemingway of Memphis, Tenn. . . . and that noise issuing from 409 Edgecombe av, Friday evening was caused by Alta's guests who were solidly enjoying themselves at a party in honor of Mrs. Hemingway. . .

The Harlem Defense Recreation Center opens its roof garden Coffee Hour series on Sunday, June 27, at 7:00 pm . . . Lillian Sharpe Hunter will be master of ceremonies . . . artists expected to appear include: Cab Calloway, Billy Banks, Lesbey Roberts, Edna Guy, Calvin Jackson, Margaret Bond, Melba Pope and others . . . extra chairs have been put all through the building in order to accomodate the people who won't be able to get seats on the roof garden . . . that many folks are expected. . . .

And speaking of coffee concerts—the War Savings Staff of the 12th division of the AWVS (they really do a job) is sponsoring a Coffee Concert at its headquarters, 35 W 125 st on Sunday, June 27 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm . . . artists who will appear include Henrietta Lovelace McLane, mistress of ceremonies; Amanda Randolph, Maxie Patterson, Edward H. Waller, Inez Matthews, Joseph Albright, Gwendolyn Joseph, Elaine Craig and others. . . .

And it'll be an Independence Day cocktail party at Josh's, 2320 Seventh ave, Sunday, July 4 . . . auspices of Negro Women, Incorporated . . . mark it down on your calendar...

Gowen Michael Married Sunday

[illegible] Gertrude [illegible], daughter of Mr. and [illegible] of 205 W. [illegible] st, was married to Pfc. [illegible] Gowen, son of the 369th [illegible] Gowen, 369th Infantry, [illegible] Sunday afternoon, [illegible] at 3:30 pm.

[illegible], who is a native NYer, attended Hunter College, was a [illegible] and [illegible] Medical are [illegible] musical performers. Mrs. Gowen follows in their footsteps, for she is an accomplished musician and composer.

The Reverend Elliot Durrant performed the ceremony. Lee Roy Hudson, brother of the groom was best man.

The bride and groom left NY Saturday night, June 12, for their honeymoon in Boise, Idaho, where the groom is stationed at Gowen Field.

Socialite Weds In Yonkers

YONKERS, NY — Miss Zelda [illegible], daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon H. DuBois, of Fleetwood and NYC, was married to Calvin Jackson, son of Mrs. Margaret Jackson of NYC at the Lutheran Bethel Church here on Sunday, June 20. Rev. William O. Hill officiated.

More than 100 guests attended a reception held at the home of the bride immediately after the ceremony. Dr. Lucien Brown acted as toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left for California on Monday.

The groom is arranger for Harry James Orchestra and was formely accompanist for Paul Draper.

Lieutenant Biddiex Takes Jersey Wife

JERSEY CITY, NJ—Rev. William S. Smith of this city announced this week the marriage of his daughter, Wilhelmina Louise to Lt. Harold L. Biddiex of the US Army, June 9, at Tuskegee Institute Chapel.

Rev. Harry V. Richardson performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by Dr. Wayman G. McCoo of Columbia, Georgia. Dr. Mary McCoo was matron of honor. Lieut. Francis E. Ellis of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was the best man.

Lieut. Biddiex who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Biddiex of Omaha, Neb.

THEY SAID "I DO"

Rose M. Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Price, and Clarence E. Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Reese, were married recently at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Savannah, Georgia. A reception immediately after the ceremony was held at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Reese are now living at 1530 Minford Place, Bronx.—Williams foto.

AWVS Dance Shows Women in Uniform

An array of women in uniform ranging from WAACs to WOWs will appear in review at the air-cooled Renaissance Ballroom on Friday evening, July 2. The occasion is the AWVS carnival sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee of the 16th division of the AWVS. Funds derived from the affair will go towards the purchase of a station wagon and other equipment much needed in carrying out the AWVS war program.

Henrietta

Members of the Committee are: Henrietta Lovelace McLane, chairman; Lillian Howard, co-chairman; Lulu C. McDonald, secretary; and Lillian Macer, treasurer.

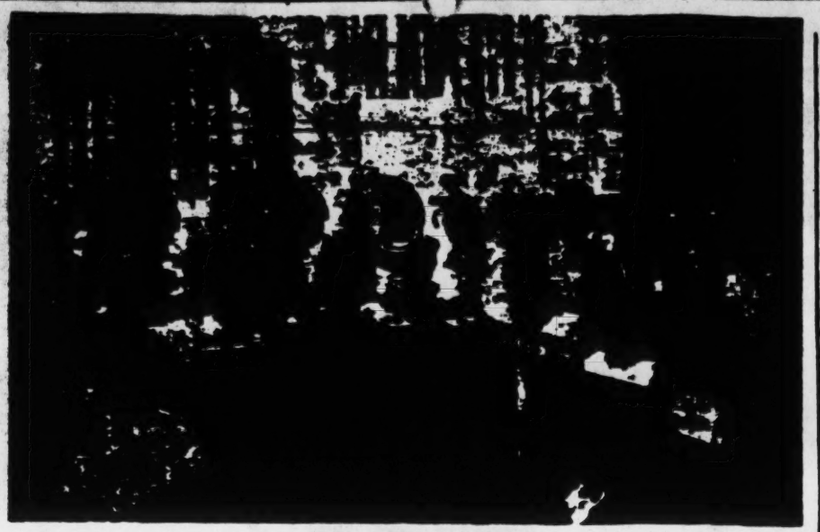
The AWVS national headquarters has already purchased five logos and is supporting the carnival. The committee was entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Mary Sweetwine where plans were discussed by Wilhelmenia Adams, Bill Chase and Mary Bruce who head the entertainment committee. Mrs. Bernard F. Gimbel, AWVS national vice-president was guest of honor.

Mrs. Ludlow Werner, and Mrs. Georgia Horne have pledged their support to the committee, which includes: Mrs. Phyllis R. Oliver, chairman of 24 hostesses, Rita Wade, Addie Pullins, Irene Hill, Bette Drake, Bernice Banks, Ruby Yearwood, Helene Jones, Louise Morton, Carol White, Etta Thompson, Vivian Macer.

Music Students Give Recital

Among the winners in the auditions of the National Guild of Piano Teachers were nine pupils of Hugo Boran of 68 Hamilton Terrace. Linda Biggs, Millicent Thomas, Doreen Codrington and Edris Bonaparte received high honors. Uridina Bonaparte, Rita Thomas, Valerie van Beverhoudt, Albert Somerville, and Millicent Murray received "with honors."

On June 30, these and other pupils of Mr. Boran will be presented a recital at the YWCA Auditorium at 8:30 pm. The program will include the performance of a musical playlet, *The Child Mozart*.



THEY FIGHT PREJUDICE

Members of the Executive Committee of the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs posed for this foto in Washington, D. C. Tuesday. Johnson, lobbyist for the Council, not shown in foto, did such an able job on US Senators that the Nurse's Training Bill went through the Senate with an anti-discrimination amendment. L. to r. Vada Somerville, Myrtle B. Jackson, Norma B. Boyd, national chairman; Marie J. Long, L. D. Shivery, Lois Ann Callum, Mattie Jackson, and Myra Kenyon. See story below.—Sunrise foto.

New Nurses' Training Bill Has No Jimcro

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Bolton Bill, which provides millions in Federal funds for nurses' training passed both houses of Congress without a hitch last week. The fact that it passed with an anti-discrimination amendment added is a feather in the cap of the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The amendment was introduced Monday, June 4, by Senator Warren Barbour, (Rep. NJ). Thomasina Walker Johnson, lobbyist for the Council, did such a thorough job of button-holing senators that the amendment went through without a dissenting vote.

Then Mrs. Johnson turned her attention to the House of Representatives, where she succeeded in getting the amendment accepted in full.

Passage of the bill assures student nurses in federally approved hospitals of tuition for training, uniforms, insignia, and maintenance. Students will receive not less than $15 per month for the first nine months of study; and for the following fifteen or twenty-one months of combined study and practice.

The bill, planned to increase the number of nurses available, contains a clause stipulating that at the end of her training, the nurse must be available for military or other governmental or essential civilian services for the duration of the war.

The funds will be administered by the US Public Health Service. The Bill ceases to be in effect upon the ending of the present war.

The fact that AKA's Non-Partisan Council was able to add an amendment preventing discrimination in the administration of the bill means that girls of all races will share equally in its provisions.

Social Security And June Brides

June, being the month in which many women change their names by becoming brides, is a time also to think about your social security card and what it means to you.

If you are one of the millions of women who work and hold a social security card you should see that that card contains your right name, according to George E. Cohron, manager of the Social Security Board Field Office, 209 W. 125 st.

If you change it from Miss Susan Jones to Mrs. Susan Smith, go to your nearest Social Security Office and get the record changed.

Harlem Kids Present Gift To Soldiers

Representatives of the unit which presented the successful entertainment at Mecca Temple on May 7, presented the Harlem Service Men's Club, 2048 Seventh ave, with special equipment from the proceeds of their entertainment, on Thursday, June 17.

Arethia Jones, who played the leading role in the dramatic sketch and also sang a solo in the variety show, a member of the Junior Commandos Club, presented a check to pay for a miniature bowling alley for the use of the Servicemen at the Club. George Brown, leader of the St. Martin's Cadets, who staged a precision drill in the entertainment, and who led the singing in the finale of "We Are Americans Too," presented a check for $160.00 for a mimeographing machine and supplies.

Mr. Clifford Alexander presided at the presentation exercises and arranged for two Servicemen, Sailor Leon Wesley and Pvt. Woodrow Bailey to make the formal acceptance on behalf of the Servicemen of the Club.

The entertainment at Mecca Temple followed an earlier one given by these boys and girls exclusively for the Servicemen at the YWCA.

Nurses Aides Capped at Harlem

Forty-three nurses aides were capped during graduating exercises held for their class Wednesday, June 16, in the auditorium at Harlem Hospital. Guest speakers were Vivian Carter Mason of the Department of Welfare, Mrs. David Challenger, and Lieut. Elizabeth Hampton of the WAAC.

Miss Devlin, director of Nurses, American Red Cross, stated that the aides from Harlem Hospital are the best trained girls who come to work at the Red Cross blood bank.

Grace Jones, nurses' aides instructor, presented the classes to Mary Pauline Harty, superintendent of Nurses at the hospital.

City College Students Give Reddick Party

In celebration of the conclusion of this term's course in Negro History and Culture, City College students gave a party in the music room of the 135 st Public Library last Saturday evening.

Dr. L. D. Reddick who teaches the course was presented with a tan calf-skin brief case at the close of the evening. Recorded African, Haitian and Afro-Brazilian music started the affair which ended with more popular tunes and the serving of coffee and cookies.

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TOAST OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Josephine Baker, the gift of humble American Negro parents to democracy. White soldiers witnessing her charm, beauty and talent in the camp theatres of Africa, forget the color line and feel only that she represents all the things they have left behind and to which they soon hope to return.

Seaman Interviews "Joe" Baker for PV

Joe Baker, the internationally famous glamour girl, and yours truly here in New York spanned the 3,500 miles between Oran in Africa and New York City this week when Joe Burns, up-and-coming 22-year-old seamen just back from N. Africa, dropped in to talk about his recent interview with Joe.

"She gave me little opportunity to question her," Burns said, "for she was so full of questions about home and the friends she worked with years ago in this country."

The widely circulated rumors that the former Follies Bergere star was in a concentration camp—that she was ill—that the nazis had stripped her of all her possessions—and that she was dead—were stories connected by the fertile imagination of reporters, Joe Burns revealed.

FAR FROM BROKE

Few people know that the exotic dancer got out of France before the nazis marched in and that she took with her $50,000 worth of jewels and a fortune in furs. She was wearing the jewels when he saw her, Burns declared, she is in perfect health and she is still a scintillating beauty.

It took a Negro truck convoy which has covered more desert miles than any other outfit, to discover that Josephine was safely and comfortably settled in a Sultan's palace in Rabat, Morrocco, at the time disturbing rumors of her death reached America.

Josephine is now touring American camps in Africa with tremendous success among the white as well as the Negro soldiers. She has made a practice of throwing a party for the boys after her first performance in each camp.

P.S.—She sends very special hellos to Eddie and Grace Rector, Buck and Bubbles, Bill Robinson, the girls she danced with and your reporter. —Fredi.

Music Leads In Democracy

The Apollo theatre marks another milestone in its policy of bringing to Harlem the greatest of swing bands, regardless of color. Bob Chester's appearance at this theatre, starting Friday, is his first in the Harlem area. He recently finished a six week's engagement at the Capitol theatre.

Chester with his swing band, follows in the footsteps of Harry James, Tony Pastor, Louis Prima, Charlie Barnet and many others. All having played this uptown house at one time or another. This pol-

BOB CHESTER

icy of mixed entertainment, is an excellent example to the downtown theatres. Mainly, that when the higher ups don't make an issue of racial mixing, the question never arises among those who do the work.

Those responsible for the closing of the Savoy Ballroom, might well spend an afternoon backstage at the Apollo when one of the white bands is appearing there and see for themselves the harmony which exists. No one is aware of diffrence in color. They are just musicians and performers with a show to do.

On the bill with Chester and his orchestra, will be, Betty Bradley, featured vocalist; Eddie Rector, the master tap dancer; Tim Moore, one of the best comedians in the business; The Four Southern Sons and Richard Adrian. The Apollo fans will be happy to know that the show this week also includes girls.

FIESTA WEEK AT PS 121

The first annual Pan-American Fiesta Week was inaugurated at P.S. 121, 292 E. 103d st, Wednesday, June 23, with a program in the school auditorium. Classes from the kindergarten through 6B will participate in the program during the week.

HEADLINES and Footlights

By FRED WASHINGTON

In the *Saturday Evening Post*, June 19 issue, Florabel Muir comes out with a damnable interview with Eddie (Rochester) Anderson. The article is entitled, "What's That, Boss?"

This Muir girl, instead of giving readers a true insight into Rochester's living habits and character, only succeeds, and poorly too, in painting him as the Rochester you hear on the Jack Benny radio program. She even goes further, giving the impression that he is far more illiterate and stupid. Before I go further, I might point out to the writer that Ethel Waters did not appear in Stormy Weather. This bit of misinformation bears out the fact that to the lady, all Negroes are alike in color, talent and habit.

This is how Rochester's good-natured humor is described by the writer who would have you believe she took the words right out of the comedian's mouth: "A colored man's just nacherly gotta laugh. Take me, if I don't laugh I reckon pretty quick I'd die. And other folks ain't so different." She has him calling his father "Pappy"; says the company manners which Rochester put on for her got too painfully uncomfortable so he let his hair down and went into what she considers his "nacheral" self. Rochester supposedly told her that he walks down Central ave giving away $5 bills. His wife's correct English and dress come in for much comment as does the expensive home bar, which according to Muir, had not one drop of liquor.

Florabel Muir should get hep to herself if she is going to write about Negroes and forget the illusion that it is unusual for us to speak correct English or that we have no sense of value. She makes herself look extra foolish because it is no secret to anyone who reads the papers, that Rochester has made some pretty sound investments.

HAMMERSTEIN MAD

Last week in this column I told you that Oscar Hammerstein was changing the locale of the opera, "Carmen," to a cotton field. It is to be done with a colored cast. The Hammerstein office called frantically to straighten me out, saying that extreme care is being taken in the handling of the book and the action is concentrated around a parachute factory, with the war effort playing a big part. And to make very sure that the production will cast no reflection in any manner, the script is being submitted as written to Paul Robeson for correction and approval. Mr. Hammerstein, I am more than happy to retract my statement of last week and with apologies and good wishes.

G. I. UNIFORM VERSUS ZOOT SUITS

The army can be credited with making most of our youngsters think a little more seriously. For instance, I have a nephew who liked his pants pegged, wore a meat cap, knew every swing record and artist and thought school so much time wasted. Last year he enlisted in the army. This week he returned to New York on furlough from Buckley Field, Denver, Colo., wearing sergeant stripes. He has been heading the Transportation Corps and is proud of it. Bubbie (I forgot to tell you his name) anxiously visited some of his old haunts but got back so early his father inquired as to the reason and he replied: "Dad, when you used to tell me I looked like a fool in those hipster suits and needed to learn something besides who the latest sax player was, I thought you were just old and daddy, but I am now. Those suits sure do look foolish and those guys sound so silly." Sgt. Robert T. Washington is now on his way to Officers Candidate School—a very young man with an aim in life and a better sense of value.

For many weeks I have been talking about the opportunities opened to colored artists and have dug up old stories in order that those artists might be utilized. It seems none of the studios have taken the trouble to put their writers to work on an honest-to-goodness script depicting Negroes as they really are. This circumstance suggests to my mind that this is a fertile chance for our Negro writers to break down the barrier which has always kept them out of this field. If we can sit in our chairs and criticize practically every effort that is made by producers, then it is our obligation to do something about what is wrong. We have many competent authors and I charge them here and now with the responsibility of writing stories suitable for Negro talent.

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...Visited With A Soldier," with James Ellison and Lynn Merrick, on the stage for the Amateur Show Friday to Monday, June 25 to 28. "The Man in Down" and "Rhythm Parade" with Marcia Mae Jones and Donald O'Connor starts Tuesday, June 29, to Thursday, July 1.

R.K.O. REGENT & ALHAMBRA

...Black Dyke Mills Band, famous British band which is a feature attraction at the Regent Theatre, Lenox ave. and 116th st., beginning Thursday, June 24, and continuing through Monday, June 28, is shown above in typical pose. Other attractions on the stage of the Regent and Alhambra theatres, Seventh ave. and 125th st., will be Ben Carter and Public Enemy Number One, Tyrone Power, Harold Peary and Jack Haley in the screen comedy, "Gildersleeve's Bad Day," and Ben Carter and his orchestra, featuring Hilda Offley, Ethel Waters' protege, on the stage of the Franklin theatre, Franklin ave. and Prospect pl., Bronx.

Louis Isn't Quitting; Praises Boxing Czar

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Sgt. Joe Louis, chaperoned by the War Department, told sports writers last week that "I could fight four years from now" thus indicating that he did not intend to hang up his gloves in the event of a long global conflict.

The heavyweight champion now weighs 218 pounds but could get into trim to fight anybody within eight weeks, he asserted, added that of the present crop of challengers he would prefer meeting Billy Conn.

School Kids Donate Ambulance To Army

The students of Elmer Ellsworth Junior High School, 241 E. 119 st., thru contributions raised by a ...bazaar, a glee club concert and other activities, raised enough funds to buy a field ambulance which they have donated to the United States Army.

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The Canteen is open to service men only, with nothing required of them but to show their identification. This is the one place where Negro boys need have no fear of feeling out of place or not wanted. The canteen is making a very special bid for the colored boys.

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While at the canteen the other night, I talked to a young Chinese boy, Sgt. Victor C. Kwong who is attached to the Air Corps at Camp Kilmer. He turned out to be the youngster who played Charlie Chan's son in the series of movies, "Charlie Chan." He has been in the army for five months.

When I remarked that he was about ready to see combat duty, he enthusiastically answered, "You bet, I am. I'm rarin' to go."

An English gunner says American is tops, 100%. He never knew anything existed like the canteen.

Three Mexican boys in the US Army were seeing the canteen for the first time as were many Negro boys in the Army and Navy. One, Pvt. Woodrow Bailey, (colored) had been a member of the army show, "This Is The Army," and is now stationed in Jersey.

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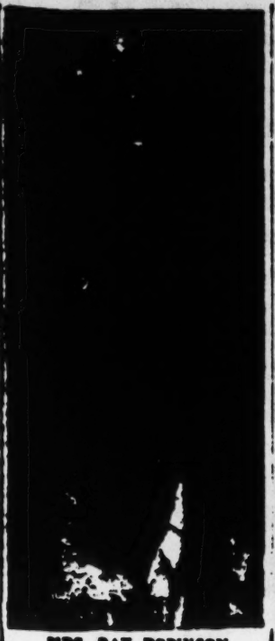

MRS. RAY ROBINSON

The two-week bride is none other than the popular Edna Mae Holly, dancerae de-luxe, wearing the latest in headgear for the ladies. The Chinese [illegible]—Photo by Morgan [illegible]

BASIL SPEARS, NEW COMPETITION

This talented 21-year-oldet has entered the field of night club entertainment. She has just finished successful engagements at Lindsay's Sky Bar in Cleveland and the Biltmore Hotel Lounge in Philly. She leaves shortly for an extended tour of Army Camps. The first stop is Fort Ruachuca.

Complaints Stir Equity To Action

Actors' Equity, theatrical union, because of the many complaints on discrimination received from Negro performers on USO Camp shows, is drawing up extensive plans to combat this condition.

Camp shows, Travelers' Aid Societies and chambers of commerce will be contacted in all communities where shows are scheduled to play in an effort to arrange comfortable and decent accommodations for Negro performers.

Negro Role Done By White

"Saratoga Trunk," the much discussed Warner Bros. picture which started out looking for a colored girl for a mulatto part in the story and finally signed Flora Robson (white), for the part, is nearing completion.

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WILLIE BRYANT

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Hampton Jams

For the first time in the history of Loew's State Theatre, Lionel Hampton held a jam session on the stage after the last show last Monday night. He invited musicians in uniform to sit in.

Bowl Season Gets Maynor

HOLLYWOOD (ANP)—"Symphonies Under the Stars," in the 1943 Hollywood Bowl season gets underway on July 4 with a galaxy of renowned artists and special features scheduled to appear.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra will play its 654th concert in the world-famed amphitheatre. Marian Anderson will be unable to open the season as was hoped but both Dorothy Maynor and Anne Wiggins Brown will appear in July.

Redman's Band Opens Zanzibar

B'way once again is commencing to realize that there is money to be made with colored talent since Duke Ellington's phenomenal success at the Hurricane.

Now word comes that a new cafe atop the Winter Garden will open June 29 and will be known as the Cafe Zanzibar.

Don Redman, author of "Chant of the Weed," which Andre Kostelanetz recorded and made so popular, will furnish the show and dance music. Ella Fitzgerald is also slated to appear in the show.

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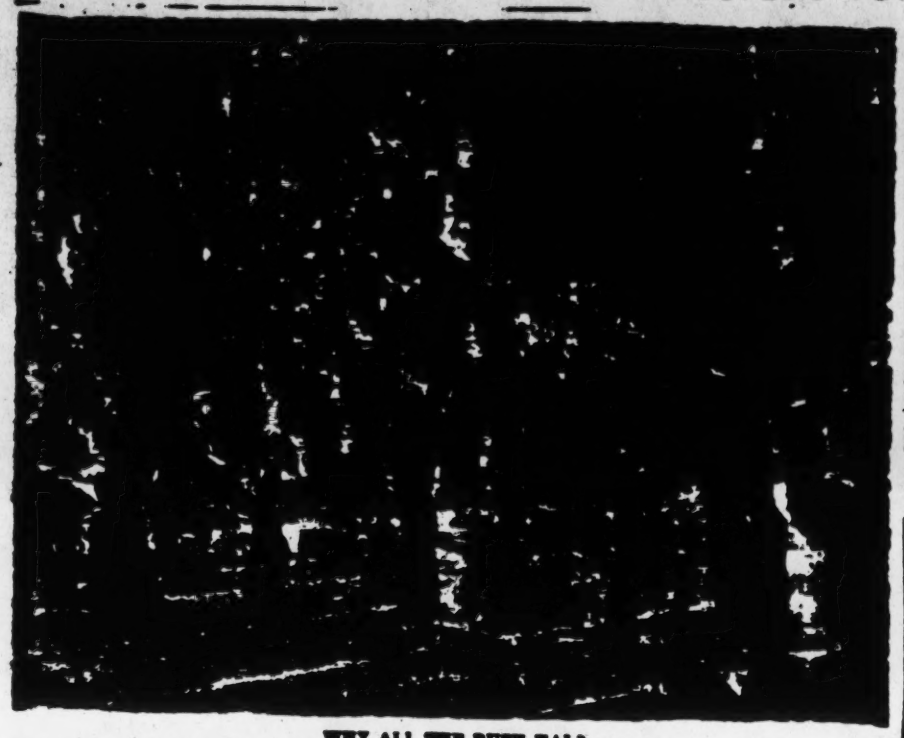


WHY ALL THE RUSH HAL?
This might well be the query of Herb Thompson and Ed Gremidge as they vainly try to overtake against champ Harold Davis in the final of the Senior 200 metre run at the AAU meet Sunday. The blond Coast flyer was letting the boys view the back of his mask for the second straight year as he copped the dash double again.

Young, McKenley, Simms, Goldstein Win Jr. AAU Titles; Wilson Walks 1

By JOE BOSTIC, PV Sports Editor

Twelve months ago, you could have gotten odds of upwards of 50-1 that any runner would challenge the supremacy of Greg Rice at any of the longer distances. And to have bracketed that one with the proposition that nary a Negro would win a Senior AAU running championship this year, you could have written your own ticket and the more astronomical the figures, the more correct you would have been considered as a sports soothsayer. And yet over the weekend in the broiling sun of Randalls Island, that's exactly what happened. Rice was thrashed with ridiculous ease by a flying Swede, whom I suspect is powered by a Boeing Bomber motor. And the only title won by a Negro was the snobbily snubbed one of the 3,000 metre walk but nary a running crown came to any son of tan. Perhaps as a sop to those who expected so much from the Negro entrants, we were able to salvage four of the junior titles on Saturday and two of them by New Yorkers from the rapidly-forging-ahead Pioneer club. These winners were Claude Young, the Chicago high schooler, who like the Lone Ranger's horse Silver travels "with the speed of light"; in the century Boston College's Herb McKenley in the 400 metres; Clifford Goldstein in the 5,000; and Harold Hayes in the hop, step, and jump. The latter two are the New York Pioneer Club winners. Young also grabbed the show spot in the hand jump.

SEEMS HARD LUCK CHAMP

The one title that seems to belong without question to a Negro is the "tough luck" crown, which is the exclusive property of young Rudy Simms. Two weeks ago in the Mets he ran the fastest schoolboy mile in history while losing the race. Saturday Boland Sink of South Pasadena, California, exploded a 4:01.3 clocking in his fame to nose him out in the 1500.

GREENIDGE MAKES BID IN TWO EVENTS

While not winning titles, the Negro entrants in the Seniors were anything but disgraced. Herb Thompson forced Hal Davis to equal the world's record (20.2) in order to shade him in a furious close battled. Then Greenidge, full century duel with Ed Gremidge of run, came back in the 200 and drove the blonde comet to a mark better than the world mark, which was disallowed because of a following wind. He negotiated the dash in 20.2.

Warren Halliburton yielded the 200 metres hurdle crown to Bill Cummins only after the stiffest kind of a fight right down to the wire.

WILLIAMSON SHADED IN JUMP

Josh Williamson failed by an inch in his quest for the high jump championship, vacated by defending champ Adam Berry

Weekly Salute

TO CONNIE MACK:

We were of the opinion that the age of miracles in sports had long since passed but your performance Sunday completely altered all of our thinking in that vein. You should forgive us if we seem to go into schoolboyish fits of ecstacy all out of proportion to the importance of the event but you see, we in America are prone to going overboard for great efforts and your trimming of the great Greg Rice was just that. It wasn't so much WHAT you did as it was THE WAY YOU DID IT!!! Bravo to you or whatever the Swedish word equivalent.

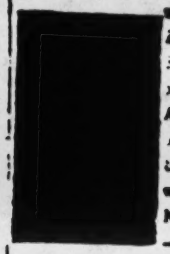
Negro NATIONAL LEAGUE

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Homestead Grays	12	4	.750
NY CUBAN STARS	10	5	.666
St. Louis-Harrisburg	8	5	.615
Newark Eagles	9	8	.529
Phila. Stars	7	11	.389
Baltimore Elite Gts.	5	12	.294
NY BLACK YANKS	2	8	.200

Speaking of Sports

WELL, well, well what a dope that West Coast Sports writer, in bemoaning the fact that Henry Armstrong couldn't go thru with the Willie Joyce fix because of his injured lip (he hinted that it might be a rumour) he pointed out that he knew the time when Hank went to the post



under the late Eddie Hand with ... ut eye, and ...ther injuries. All of which adds ... the stature of the little whirlwind's present Negro Manager —George Moore —who isn't so bankrupt that he has to have a "meal ticket" fight, no matter what his condition in order that he, the manager might eat and have money to buy suits for the ponies . . . Things have certainly come to a pretty pass when the likes of a thing called VINCENTIVE takes the $35,000 Dreyer stables. You get some idea of the caliber of the starters when you ponder the fact that some horse Sonh tagged TOP'S PICK was the "good thing" being touted before the race.

This department will now go stand in the corner properly shamed for having the temerity to bet on Greg Rice in the big race Sunday. Our Jesse James was Alphonse Cottman, former CIAA hurdles champ. I suppose he takes candy from babies too. Seriously though, this flying Swede doesn't only live up to all his press notices, HE'S BETTER THAN ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN. In short, he's one hell-va runner, Mister . . . Jerry Moore, the ex local footballer is giving nice on the coast. Had another win last week in San Diego . . . What's all this talk about nonsmen (exceptling one) being frozen out of the baseball confab at Philadelphia? Do they want to play rough?

If Willie Pep's board of strategy wants to continue to play hard to get, Chalky Wright and Lulu Costantino may do a third replay of their serial in Cleveland. Would draw well there, too . . . Isn't it about time that somebody woke Eddie (Rochester) Anderson up to the score? It could be that he just doesn't know or he'd never made the kind of poorage wage offer that he did to the new Negro trainer. Just when it was agreed that Tommy Hollis was an antique on the fistic stock pile, along he comes with a 22-straight win streak, two of which were over Pittsburgh's Gusie Harris, a better-than-average pug. We saw Baltimore Tommy fighting main events in the Monumental City back in '41, Maybe, it's the war. Could be.

Chalk up a blue ribbon for boss expert "Cheater Tom." At his instigation Rochester has stuffed his stable with race fait, for which Hooray!!! Charles Harmon, main-stay on the smart Toledo University basketball squad is now a blue-jacket at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. If the Washington, Ind scorer as many hulls eyes on the rails as he did on the hardwood court, bye, bye axis—but quick!!! . . . Bing sharps were swinging along with Gus Lovino to take the measure of ex champ Mike Belloise in his first main event effort in New York, Tuesday night at McArthur Stadium. Hey, Lem Graves, whatever became of Carl Fountain? Nice going for the Pioneer club in the mittennin. They took down the club show spot both days . . . That Beau Jack-Johnny Hutchinson embroglio in Philly on the 19th of July begins to shape up as a real 'un. Larry Amadeo, the new trainer brought in to replace Sid Bell, will be on the spot. And if the boy don't win, then who'll they make the goat? W-E-E-G-E-L-E-S-?!?

Art Carter tells the column that Satchel Paige pulled one of those things in Washington. He'd better show up AND PITCH in the Stadium Sunday unless he wants to leave New York minus his head . . . Cleo Shans handed Buss Romero a beating on the coast last week . . . And the rain stepped in to stop the fight just as Andy Holland had begun to roll against Joes Basora in Holyoke Wednesday night—JWB.

Clowns Vie With Sox In Eight Game Series

CINCINNATI, O.—Cincinnati's Clowns of the Negro American League next turn their attention to an arduous series with the revitalized Memphis Red Sox, whom they play eight times in seven days, starting Wednesday. The first encounter comes up at Hopkinsville, Ky. The next night, June 24, the teams clash under the lights at Sulphur Dell in Nashville, Tenn.

Weekly Slam

TO THE BOXING MANIPULATORS:

Dammit, why must you "boys" insist on being so all fired slick? I thought surely that the lesson of the Louis-Conn fiasco would have taught you to lay off those veiled "charity" and "benefit" arrangements, particularly where the military is concerned. But no, you had, to brazenly manipulate the Terry Young thing in Canada and have a foul odor in the nostrils of the Canadian press. Then to top it off along comes the Johnny Greco manoeuvring. Naturally the Canadian military wasn't going to be played for chumps. Trouble you may have spoiled it for ALL men in uniform. BUMPKOFS!

Where Does Boxing Go From Here?

When the pressing manpower needs for the application of the knockout blow to the axis took Willie Pep and Johnny Greco out of boxing activity on the same day, you were suddenly made to realize that the bottom of the fistic barrel was being scraped. And what's more, the picture at the moment is anything but a bright one.

Naturally whenever any upheaval takes place on the main stage of the theatre of things, the first thought that comes to mind is the position of boxing's number one ring master, Mike Jacobs. A quick perusal, without any attempt to look under the surface, would seem to reveal that great manipulator had lost the rabbit's foot which has been as large a factor as any in the phenomenal success of his Twentieth Century Sporting Club. In other words, besides having Joe Louis, "natural" as his basic stake for operations, Mishael has had the most unusual streak of luck of any operator North of the Andes. Not that we've hasn't been capable organization *and shrewd* maneuvering, mind you, but there have been plenty of nice "breaks" too.

WHERE DOES MIKE STAND

Mike's position would seem to be much the same as the owner of the opera house, who gradually found all of his performers gradually disappearing.

Now how desperate a situation is that for Mr. Big of boxing?

Taking the short view, it's a critical one indeed. But when you look beyond the surface, it's easy to see that his position is far from desperate.

In the first place, the new promoter is fabulously wealthy and can "lay" until the storm blows over. In the second place, practically all the "names" are bound over to him lock, stock and barrel for a period of five years. And only the most confirmed pessimist believes that it'll take that long to make the three foul balls yell "UNCLE." Thirdly, when the big fuss is over there will be a lush reservoir of new fighting talent on which to draw and of course those after the heavy dollar—the better ones—will naturally gravitate to the Jacobs proving grounds.

ECO RULING MAY SET PATTERN

It wouldn't be at all surprising if the action of the Canadian army, in Greco's case, should set the patteren for the activity of all military men. If that should be the case, all the contemplated scuffles involving service men will die a-borning.

With only Beau Jack, Terry Young, Bivins, Armstrong and Montgomery left out here, to game must come to a head because even a continuous round robin song these men would eventually get mighty boring.

So the logical conclusion would appear to be that boxing—at least the big time variety—is on the way to committing the Arabs and folding silently away.

One thing that shouldn't be overlooked is that in the Greco case, in the case of Louis-Conn, some smart operators thought that the Army was a plaything and a number. Operating on that false premise, they wound up doing the obvious thing, viz: outsmarting themselves, who they'll find it pleasantly cool in the shadow of the broad new draft behind which they have succeeded in placing themselves.

S, BYE to PRESENT COMISH, MAYBE

One parting thought: Maybe the temporary demise of prime boxing would be a one for the Governor to disband the pugilistic Potemkins, who masquerade as boxing commissioners in New York for the duration. Actually they only succeed in keeping the game thoroughly gummed up with their ludicrous law making—or more accurately—their ludicrous law interpretations.

To be ridden of this excess weight wrought be a blessing—along with the four freedoms?—that might come out of the war.

"S. And how about giving a fair shake to a decent fellow named Charley Ahl. Just thought I'd ask.

GRAYS SPANK KC IN DC TWIN BILL

WASHINGTON—The Homestead Grays took a double-header from the Kansas City Monarchs before 20,000 fans at Griffith Stadium last Sunday afternoon, the pair a 2-1 edge in the three-game series between the two clubs.

The Monarchs had won a night game Thursday, 9-8, in the fourteenth, each holding the contest on their pitch.

In Sunday's opener, the Grays jumped on Rabbit Bridges for six hits in three innings with seven runs, then continued to pound George Walker to win the slug-fest, 10-2. In the nightcap, the Grays pounded out 16 hits off Jack Matchett and Hilton Smith for a 9-6 victory.

Josh Gibson had a field day at bat, driving in six runs with six hits in nine times at bat, including two doubles.

Jersey City Meet Scheduled for June 26

Chairman Br. Marcus E. Carpenter and Vice-Chairman Herbert Thompson have completed plans for the Third Annual Sunday School Track Meet to be held at West Side Park on Saturday, June 26, at 1:30 pm. All Sunday School Superintendents have been contacted and a large entry is expected. Allmetropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, which last year had the largest entry and also won the Dr. James R. Stroud Trophy for the secon dtime is aiming to repeat. The other schools have wised up to the adage "that there is strength in numbers," and have vowed competition to Metropolitan. There will be considerably more girls this year mice many of the Metropolitans points were scored by the fairer sex.

GATE TONIC

The greatest individual attraction in baseball is Satchel Paige (above) who'll pitch in Yankee Stadium Sunday when the Kansas City Monarchs meet the Cubans. He'll draw nearly 40,000 fans—proof enough of his box office appeal.

ONE OF THE FEW TITLISTS

There was a dearth of Negro championship winners at the AAU meet, held at Randalls Island Stadium over the weekend. One of the few was Herbert McKinley, the Boston College speedster, who copped the junior 400 metre crown. Here he's shown breasting the tape just ahead of Jeff Kirk. He was clocked in 47.7. Not a record, but still moving right rapidly. (International News Photo)

Monarchs, Cubans At Stadium Satch Pitches Against Impo Sun.

If the rafters of your house should start shaking to the accompaniment of intermittent blasts of thunderous cannonading 'long about 4:15 Sunday afternoon, don't run for the air-raid shelter thinking that tojo and adolph are on the blitz, it will be something less sanguine. That rumble you'll be hearing will be base hits rattling off the bats of the two most vicious slugging diamond aggregations in baseball today—the New York Cubans and the Kansas City Monarchs, who lock hats in the feature attraction at Yankee Stadium this Sunday afternoon. It will be the first Metropolitan appearance of the world champs this season. And to sweeten the dish for the fans, the fabulous Satchel Paige will take a turn on the hill. The great soupbone will take to the mound at the start to match curves and shots with Dave (Impo) Barnhill, the Latin's ace bowler.

The New Yorkers will come to battle with the avowed determination of keeping unsullied their season record of not having been defeated in the big ballyard. The KC's, on the other hand will be equally determined to keep upstream their state of yet tasting defeat in the house that Ruth built. Of course, something will have to give. But what a battle is in store for the fans before it does! The form chart will naturally favor the Westerners with their superior firing power.

KC INFIELD HAS EDGE

The KC inner four of O'Neil, Serrel, Williams and Allen has a slight edge in all around ability over the Cuban circle of Thomas (in a class by himself), Perez, Martinez and Cox.

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(Special Correspondent to PEOPLE'S VOICE)

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The three ousted men are Dr. L. F. Palmer, T. Roger Thompson, and J. Rupert Picott.

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Arsenal of Democracy Becomes Caldron Of Hell As White Mobs and Police Aid Hitler in Mobbing Negroes

Story and another Photo on Page 3

AN EXCITED, MILLING MOB of white civilians, many car [illegible] during the race riots that have resulted in at least 25 deaths and brought the list of injured to more than 700. A Negro passenger is being hit on the head with a club as he leaves from the front door of the car while a colored woman emerges hurriedly from the center. (International Soundphoto)

WHITE RIOTERS BEAT A NEGRO whom they have just pulled off a street car during the height of the race rioting in Detroit. At least 3000 persons are being held for assault and disturbing the peace. (International Soundphoto)

RIOT, OR POLICE VICTIMS? WHICH?

THE DEAD

Billy Hardges, 17, Negro, shot by police who said he was looting.
Robert Davis, 30, Negro, shot by police.
Carl Singleton 18, Negro, shot by police.
Anderson Reed, 40, Negro, shot by police.
Roy James Jackson, Negro, shot by Police.
Samuel Johnson, 32, Negro, held to death from coin which police said he ordered while smashing a window.
J. W. Wright, Negro, shot by police.
Marvin Rich, 28, Negro, shot by police.
Ernest Johnis, 24, Negro, shot by police.
Mrs. Cleria Hardsworth, 38, Negro, killed by flying brick.
Fred Latham, 24, shot.
Sidney Rann, 24, Negro shot by police.
Charles H. Grundy, Negro, shot by another Negro according to police report.
Rose Kinish, 38, Negro, shot by police.
Unidentified Negro, shot in gun fight with police.
Unidentified Negroes, shot by police.
Unidentified Negro, shot in looting.
Unidentified Negro, found at rear of store, apparently killed by blow on the head.
Unidentified Negro, circumstances of death undetermined.
John Prudisch, 45, white, found on street shot through the chest.
Dr. Joseph DeSorentis, white, found fatally injured in his automobile in riot district.
John Regan, 37, white, run down by blue car.

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Clippings of interest appearing in future issues of the PEOPLES VOICE will be furnished the Bureau.

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SOAPBOX . . . by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

THE "ZOOT SUIT" riots of Los Angeles are the most serious setback that America has suffered during this war period. As you remember I wrote on my return from my national tour that Los Angeles and Detroit were the two centers where domestic fascism would break out. This has been sustained in a shorter period than I had anticipated. The "Zoot Suit" riot of Los Angeles, the Packard Motor Car "hate strike" in Detroit, the racial disturbances in the Mobile, Ala., shipyard are all part and parcel of the Ku Klux Klan's tie-up with the axis.

It has always been my considered opinion that one cannot isolate hatred. The "Zoot Suit" rioting on the part of members of the armed forces began with the Mexicans. It then spread until it became also anti-Negro. Finally, two white members of Gene Krupa's band were assaulted in Philadelphia last week, one of whom is in a very serious condition.

All this is Hitlerism at its worst. In will seriously disturb our relations with not only Mexico but all of Latin-America. It can nullify every victory of Tunisia and Pantellaria. The passing of a law by the Los Angeles City Council to prohibit the wearing of "Zoot Suits" is not only unconstitutional but downright ridiculous. A "peg" and a "drape" neither make the man nor unmake him. The one thing we have got to be certain of is that "Zoot Suiters" know no race. Take one look at the white boys wandering up and down Broadway and you will understand.

We deplore violence and gangsterism at all times but we have authorities to deal with such outbreaks in a just manner and courts to decide the guilt or innocence. It is not up to citizens or members of the armed forces to solve these problems nor can they be solved by police brutality or passing silly city ordinances.

Let us look at the condition of the Mexican people in Los Angeles. Mexicans can only work at certain kinds of jobs and at the lowest pay. They cannot learn trades. AFL labor unions bar them. There is a complete lack of recreation centers. In California there are public signs in private and public places prohibiting Mexicans to enter. Sometimes you come across a sign—"Monday reserved for Mexicans and Negroes only." Theatres segregate them in certain sections. Restaurants will not serve them. It does not matter whether you are foreign born or native born.

Judging purely from the accounts that I have read in the papers and from individuals on the West Coast the following are my conclusions:

1—The papers of the West Coast distorted the situation and did a great deal in fanning the spark into a flame.

2—The army and navy did not move quick enough into the situation.

3—The insane view is that of the City Council and the sane view is that of the Attorney General of the State of California.

4—The National Lawyers Guild needs support in their investigation. It is not the "Zoot Suiters" but the Poll Taxers that need watching.

Black Markets Waterloo:

Union Leaders to Address Community Council Rally

Special

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., member of the New York City Council, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and editor-in-chief of PEOPLE'S VOICE, will be the principal speaker at a consumer mass meeting, to be held Thursday night, June 17, under the sponsorship of the Harlem-Riverside CIO Community Council.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138 st. Government, labor and community leaders will address the meeting which is being held to organize the people of the community in defense of OPA and that agency's efforts to rollback prices and kill the black markets.

Although sponsored by the Harlem-Riverside CIO Community Council, organization of CIO members living in the area between 110th and 145th sts. from river to river in Manhattan, the meeting has the endorsement of the People's Committee, the Negro Labor Victory Committee, the civil liberties division of the Elks, and other organizations, white and Negro, in the Harlem-Riverside area.

The community-wide nature of the meeting and of the organization is indicated by the fact that another principal speaker at the June 17 rally will be Charles Collins, a member of the AFL, who will represent the Negro Labor Victory Committee. Other speakers will be Mrs. Josephine Timms, chairman of the CIO Women's Committee and international vice-president of the American Communications Association-CIO; Dr. Annette Rubinstein, Wartime Care of Young Children Committee; Walter Bissell, OPA, and John Harmon, consumer division of the Harlem-Riverside Civilian Defense Council. At its general membership meeting Friday night at the Hotel Capitol, the New York Newspaper Guild voted to send delegates.

Lyndon Henry, chairman of the Harlem Division CIO Community Council and a member of the Furriers' Joint Board, will preside. Mr. Henry is a member of the city OPA labor advisory board.

At the meeting, members of the Harlem-Riverside will be given an opportunity to present their grievances; both orally and in writing, against OPA and against their own neighborhood store corners who are cheating on prices.

PV One Year Ago

A few of the highlights in the news as recorded by PV's issue of June 19, 1942:

● *PV invited Hitler to note New York's "At War Parade"—a 15-hour display of miles and miles of ammunition to defeat the axis.*

● *National Negro Day celebration awards went to Doris Miller, Joe Louis, and eight other individuals.*

● *Justice Wenzerogel, Brooklyn court, took a white baby from a colored woman saying: "Colored people should not be allowed to raise a white child."*

● *Ludlow W. Werner, managing editor, New York Age, became a candidate for senate on the republican ticket.*

● *New Yorkers protested intolerable social and economic conditions in Nassau and demanded a free Caribbean.*

Democracy For All In Nation's Capital

The refusal of a restaurant in Washington to serve Judge William H. Hastie, and the denial of services at other places to other citizens, has focused attention on the fight to obtain civil rights in the Nation's Capital. Two identical bills have been introduced in Congress to eliminate such undemocratic conditions.

These bills, S. 442, introduced by Sen. W. Warren Barbour (R.,N.J.), and H.R. 1985, introduced by Congressman William A. Rowan (D., Chicago), "insure to all persons within the District of Columbia full and equal privileges of public accommodation, resort, entertainment and amusement and for other purposes.

Individuals, organizations and newspapers are urged to immediately support these bills and fight for their early exodus from committee to the floor for a vote. Time is an important factor.

Canadian Mass Rally Sets Off Bias Fight

MONTREAL, Canada—At one of the largest Negro meetings ever held in Canada, demands to end discrimination based on color, race, religion or national origin were introduced at a meeting, June 6, at Union United Church.

An organizing committee was formed in the meeting, of which Rev. Charles Este, pastor of Union, was elected chairman and Velmer Coward, secretary.

The Committee will set up a permanent organization to fight discrimination and will set up branches throughout the Dominion of Canada. One of its chief objectives will be to secure the enactment of a Civil Rights Bill at Ottawa.

Principle speaker was A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, who was here to make plans for union recognition for Sleeping Car Brotherhood of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Victor I. Coward was chairman of the meeting.

Show War Pics In Exhibition

To show the active part Negroes are taking in the war, the Harlem Library branch of the New York Public Library, 9 W. 124 st, is showing official Army Air Force photographs including pictures of Negro Red Cross war workers on the battlefield, Negroes serving in engineer units and tank outfits, Free French native troops, and President Roosevelt meeting with President Barclay of Liberia. It will continue through June.

Asks Public Housing

John Green, president of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, has wired President Roosevelt asking "a public presidential housing" on the Connally-Smith bill, which he told FDR was a "slave labor bill."

Poll Tax Warning

WASHINGTON, D. C.—George H. Bender, Congressman at Large from Ohio warned this week that unless every organization fights to pledge every US Senator to vote for cloture the anti-poll tax bill will be defeated by a filibuster.

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Introduce Bills Banning Eatery Jimcro in D. C.

WASHINGTON—The refusal of a restaurant here to serve Judge William H. Hastie and the denial of service to Negroes on various other occasions has been the springboard for the introduction into Congress of two identical bills to eliminate the jimcro conditions.

The bills were introduced by Senator W. Warren Barbour, Republican of New Jersey, and by Congressman William A. Rowan, Democrat of Chicago, and have been referred to the District of Columbia Committee in the Senate and the House of Representatives, the latter of which Rowan is a member.

SCORED BY ELEANOR

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in a recent speech at one of the prominent white churches here stated that it was "shameful" Negro employees of the Office of Civilian Defense would not be served in the building.

Discharge Petition No. 11 has started on the bill in the House. The signatures of 218 members are needed to bring the bill up for a vote.

STAND BEHIND THE CONGRESSMEN WHO STAND BEHIND YOU!

Public Poll Can Pass Anti-Poll

The failure of individual citizens to adequately register with Congressmen their insistence that HR 7, the anti-poll tax bill be passed has resulted in the establishment here at 457 W. 123 st, of the Provisional New York Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

Victorious in the House, the theatre of operations shifts to the Senate now, and a people's mobilization to pass the anti-poll tax bill in the Senate is vitally necessary.

A bi-partisan coalition of Senators who will steer the measure to passage is being formed, and the active partnership of New York Senators Wagner and Mead in such a coalition must be assured. Public insistence must demand their action.

STAND BY THE CONGRESSMEN WHO STAND BY YOU!

Liberia's President-Elect Speaks:

African Republic's Problems Ours, Guests Told at Brilliant Banquet

President-elect W. V. S. Tubman of Liberia, speaking in the absence of President Barclay at a testimonial dinner in the latter's honor sponsored by many of New York's most distinguished citizens at the Hotel Roosevelt last Friday night, affirmed the principle of collective security; indicated his country's growing liberality towards the natives of the interior; and revealed that Liberia through the years had drained its energies in an effort to maintain its independence.

President Barclay was unable to be present because he was still in the Hospital for Hip and Joint Diseases recuperating from a minor foot operation.

Dr. Max Yergan, who has spent 15 years in Africa and who now heads The Council on African Affairs as well as the National Negro Congress, emphasized in his greetings from both organizations that Liberia marches today with the United Nations against the forces of fascism.

He said the country was a small country, in many respects still a colony, but that it represents progress from a colonial status to a free and independent people.

The affair, which attracted about a thousand guests, was a brilliant social success. Speakers other than those mentioned were Mayor F. H. LaGuardia; Dr. Channing Tobias, who acted as chairman; Judge Hubert Delaney; Judge Jonah Goldstein; Lester Granger, National Urban League; Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, Phelps Stokes Foundation; Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune; and Walter F. Walker, Consul General of Liberia. Paul Robeson and Councilman Adam Powell Jr. were not able to attend.

LIBERIA FOR LIBERIANS

Mayor LaGuardia, reciting a brief history of Liberia, said it had encountered more trying times than did America in her early days. He admonished the President-elect to ignore those who would say let the people alone that they need no schools nor a higher standard of living. He said the fertile soil of Liberia should be enjoyed by the people of Liberia and not by foreign corporations.

Dr. Stokes, whose foundation has helped Liberia for years, said the Department of State had helped Liberia remain free and now she is, in turn, befriending America and producing much needed rubber. He expressed the hope that this country and Liberia would work together for greater democracy and education for the country and also for the removal of forced labor and for the improvement of conditions among the natives.

Mr. Tubman spoke after Dr. Stokes and several others who referred to Liberia's backward conditions. He brought laughter from the audience when he said the United States had shown some improvement too since his first visit when he was refused service in a store until he explained he was a foreigner.

STRESS COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Judge Delaney, Mr. Granger and Judge Goldstein all stressed the international aspects of the colonial problem. Goldstein said there would have been no Pearl Harbor had China's problem been our; and that we would not now be in North Africa had we aided Ethiopia.

Mr. Granger urged Tubman to speak out about Liberia's problems and its needs ,and he also called for the Four Freedoms for the darker peoples all over the world.

Among those introduced to the audience from the dais were: Walter White; Mrs. Lester Walton; Raymond Pace Alexander; Emory Ross; Jackson Davis; Commissioner S. J. Battle who opened the program; Emmett J. Scott; Judge James S. Watson; Brig. Gen. B. O. Davis; Rev. O. Clay Maxwell; Judge S. S. Jackson; Mrs. J. L. Curtiss and Capt. A. Russ.

The Coast Guard Quartette with white and Negro voices under the direction of Homer Smith of Southernaires fame, sang from the balcony. The audience received them enthusiastically and speakers referred to the interracial nature of the quartette.

Prosecute Zoot-Suiters Demands Negro Congress

In a statement issued here Friday, Edward E. Strong, national secretary of the National Negro Congress, called upon local and federal government officials to take prompt action against the provocateurs and participants in the Los Angeles "zoot-suit" riots.

Strong also asked for "immediate elimination" of jimcro practices in the armed forces as a major guarantee against the recurrence of such incidents.

COMMENDS WLB

Meanwhile, Dr. Max Yergan, president of the Congress, hailed the War Labor Board decision granting equal pay to Negro workers as "beacon of progress" and one of the most significant gains for Negroes in the history of the country. The statement was sent to Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina and member of the WLB.

Mayor to Speak At CIO Confab

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia will report on price enforcement and black markets in New York City at a special conference of 3,000 CIO international and local officers at Manhattan Center, 34 st on Wednesday evening, June 16. Called by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, the conference will discuss a program of action supporting President Roosevelt and the CIO President.

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Vote Smith-Connally Bill

The National Federation For Constitutional Liberties, 1123 Broadway, urged this week that every person write the President urging him to veto the Smith-Connally anti-labor bill and also wire your Congressmen and both your Senators urging them to vote against the bill.

Juvenile Welfare Sunday On June 20

The sponsoring committee of clergymen of the Juvenile Welfare Council announces plans for "Juvenile Welfare" Sunday to be held June 20, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the new James Fenimore Cooper Junior High School, 120 st. and Madison ave.

The theme of the meeting is the importance of religion in the life of a child.

Seamen Crews Aid Prisoners

Crews of 12 ships in North African harbors have collected 17,015 francs for the relief of Spanish anti-fascist prisoners in North African concentration camps. Announcement of the collection was made public by Ted Zittel, Campaign Director Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Zittel quoted officials of the National Maritime Union who said that the men had not only collected funds but had sent a resolution to President Roosevelt urging immediate release of the Spanish Republican prisoners.

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Suit Didn't Suit Him— He's Jailed

Eddie Wilson, the dining car waiter who was cursed and shoved about in the street by a policeman, dragged to a police station and searched like a criminal, is today wondering how it is we are fighting abroad for freedom of speech when Harlem police deny it to Negro citizens.

It was only due to the persistent efforts of three Negro newspaper reporters that he was saved from spending a week in jail pending a hearing. A *PV* reporter followed through by keeping witnesses together, taking them to the court and interceding for legal assistance for Wilson. A *Pittsburgh Courier* reporter and another *PV* reporter stood by at the police station to see that he got justice.

COP ACCOSTS HIM

What happened? Wilson hardly knows himself. The story as he and witnesses tell it is that he went to a 125 st credit store to buy a summer suit. He expressed resentment toward the insistence of a salesman who wanted him to buy what he did not want and who acted rather ugly when he refused. Wilson says he then went to the rear of the store in search of the credit manager. When he started to leave he was accosted by a police officer.

The witnesses say the matter was quickly settled outside the store and Wilson started off. A crowd began to collect. The officer blew his whistle for another officer on the corner and called Wilson back. It was then, say the witnesses, that the policeman began to use vile language and shove Eddie off to the police station simply because he insisted upon knowing why he was detained and questioned.

CHANGE CHARGE

At the police station the reporters wanted to know why the clerk of the store did not appear to face Eddie and the witnesses and prefer his charges. After a long wait, a detective returned to say the clerk would not come to the station. To the amazement of the crowd that had followed and gathered n the station house, the officr then charged Wilson with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, etc.

At the court someone behind the scenes had advised Eddie to plead guilty with an explanation. To prevent this th *PV* reporter brought forth the witnesses and Aty. C. C. A. French who had Wilson parolled in his custody until the hearing June 15.

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Hastie Blasts Military Authorities for Muddling

Judge William H. Hastie, who endeared himself to the American Negro when he quit as special assistant to the Secretary of War and accused the Army Air Forces Command of "reactionary policies and discriminatory practices," blasted away at the Administration and the military authorities for their muddling through attitude and demanded forthright action this week in an article for the Marshall Field Publications.

He said the events of the first week in June, that brought headline of killings and shootings of Negro soldiers ". . . have served bloody notice that attempts to muddle through cannot succeed. . . . The Administration cannot ease racial tensions by working quietly behind the scenes. The Army cannot check the increasing wave of violence by ponderous investigation of each case as it appears. The Government must take the issue to the people boldly, giving America a measure of understanding and of leadership which is now lacking."

FIGHT BLACK MARKETS

Judge Hastie said the voice of the President and of public officers exhorting us to fight black markets, buy war bonds and that urge miners back to work . . . must be heard on this matter of racial strife which is so seriously affecting the war effort."

Hastie insists that the public will follow this initiative, that public opinion can be molded even where the tension is highest. He said the Army keeps itself busy putting out booklets and other devices of indoctrination instructing our soldiers how to treat the people of India and the South Seas, the Arabs and everyone but "their fellow American soldiers."

Because all communities are interested in the soldier's money, Judge Hastie sees the "out-of-bounds" law as a powerful weapon in the hands of the military authorities that can be used. He said to declare a community "out-of-bounds" for soldiers, black and white until that community takes steps to protect all men in uniform against violence and abuse would "soon make law enforcement a reality rather than a travesty."

Hastie took a crack at the cautious "liberals" advising the Administration on race relations. He said theirs is a council of inaction and that the present situation only confounds and frightens them and leaves them impotent since their moral equipment does not include, "the courage and forthrightness which this crisis demands."

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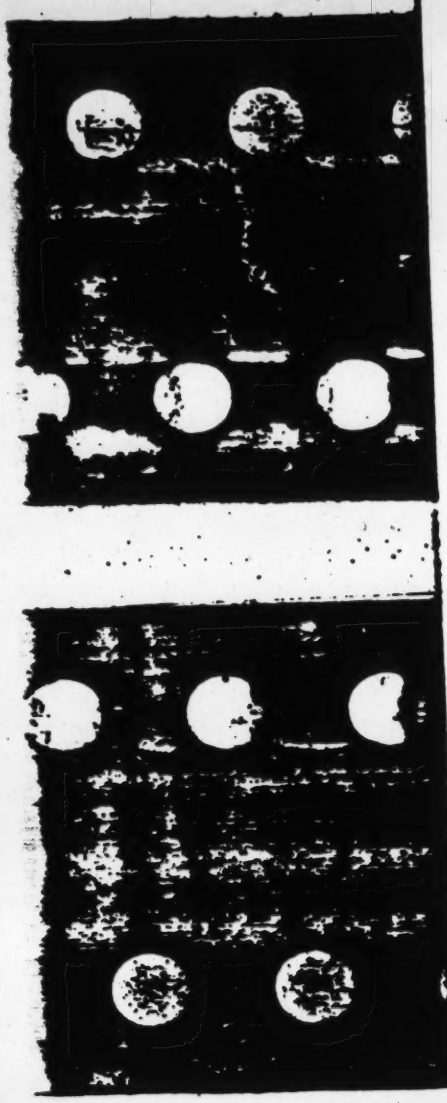

LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

Events in the past week have proved that the Negro people have made substantial gains in winning for themselves a much greater degree of equality than they had ever achieved before.

The magnificent rally at Madison Square Garden, which not only filled the huge hall to capacity but also turned away many thousands who could not get in, was eloquent notice to the appeasement and reactionary forces that our people will no longer accept the status of second class citizens. The interest and understanding displayed in the war we are now fighting was shown by the resolutions adopted by the gathering.

We served notice that we will fight for the right to fully participate in every phase of our country's defense, including the right to work and fight for the common victory.

We showed our determination to support President Roosevelt's progressive foreign and domestic policies which will insure the speediest conclusion of the war and the achievement of economic and social advances for the Negro people.

Proof of the great strides we have made has come from other more unpleasant directions. The most publicized has been the Hearst-inspired campaign against the Mexicans in the City of Los Angeles. The lynch spirit being whipped up against these so-called "zoot-suit gangs" is similar to the type of lynch spirit the same forces attempted to whip up against the Negro people several weeks ago in the City of New York.

In an excellent article written for PM, Carey McWilliams, the author of "Factories in the Field" and "Brothers Under the Skin," pointed out that the discrimination suffered by the Mexicans in Los Angeles is very similar to the segregation and discrimination suffered by our people until quite recently. We succeeded to a large extent in battering it down. The Mexicans have not yet matched our progress.

These Mexican youngsters have been barred from motion picture houses, playgrounds, community swimming pools, schools, and large sections of the Los Angeles community. Police have permitted raids in their sections similar to those which resulted in the riots in Harlem several years ago. Homes have been broken into and Mexicans attacked.

All of this is part of a campaign to keep minorities in our country from taking their full place in winning this war. The disrupters have been at work in other cities.

The brief sit-down strike in Brooklyn last week—promptly disavowed by the leaders of the union involved—is another indication of the growing strength of the Negro people. The KKK, in inciting the strike in the Packard plant in Detroit, presents further proof that our people are participating to a growing extent in our war effort.

It is to be expected, of course, that elements within our country would take advantage of the Negro's new prominence in social and economic affairs and attempt to stir up fellow workers who have little understanding of the basic issues involved and are victims of the line peddled by these disruptors.

But, with increasing frequency, the forces behind these discriminatory movements are being exposed and large sections of the American people are being told exactly what the so-called "race wars" are.

In this exposure, as well as in educating the people, the labor movement must assume the leading role. Itself a victim of falsehoods and discriminations, the trade unions must teach its members to recognize this anti-Negro and anti-minority propaganda for what it is—the Axis in action.

This must be recognized by the Federal government. The Administration must proceed without a moment's delay to formulate comprehensive policies and set up agencies that can actively and continuously concern themselves with this kind of problem.

The FEPC, which had made an excellent start but which was broken down by the machinations of a few hostile individuals, must be reconstituted on a working basis. If something of this kind is not done, we can expect more trouble not only in Los Angeles and factories in Brooklyn and Detroit, but in other vital centers of war production.

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Garden Rally Spurs "Act Now" Campaign

The gathering of forty thousand Negroes at Madison Square Garden on June 7 was the greatest mass demonstration ever held by Negro people. The dramatic closing of the doors of the Garden at twenty minutes after eight, and the spectacular increases of the crowd in 49 st from five thousand to ten thousand and finally to over fifteen thousand were events that made my heart leap for joy. *In truth it was the rally of the* NEW NEGRO.

Never have the Negro people been more united than now. Seated on the great star in the center of the Garden and spreading out into the special guests' section were all the great Negro masses' leaders of our city and surrounding areas. Those few leaders who were absent nullified their strength in the eyes and hearts of the forty thousand present and their scores of thousands of relatives and friends.

The meeting was pitched on a high plane by the invocation by the Rev. John Johnson and the great statement by the meeting's chairman, Dr. Channing Tobias. Lester Granger's opening speech was a statement of unity and vision. From beginning to end the meeting did not descend once from that loftiness.

The great stars of concert, radio and stage freely contributed of their time to this historic pageant thrillingly written by Langston Hughes and daringly executed by Dick Campbell. It was a moving spectacle and bears repetition. With grateful heart, on behalf of the sponsoring committees, I wish to thank publicly Paul Robeson, Kenneth Spencer, Duke Ellington, Pearl Primus and those who could not go on because of engagements but who were present at the Garden such as Cab Calloway and Dooley Wilson. Our thanks go to the two hundred and fifty of the cast, the five hundred ushers and the thousands of individuals representing hundreds of organizations who sold tickets. Publicly and personally, I must thank the loyal members of the Executive Council of the People's Committee and of the Negro Labor Victory Committee for their monumental work.

One phrase of Lester Granger's address rang in my heart and I turned to Dr. Tobias and mentioned it—"The peace must be a Negroes' peace." Narrow it may sound until we have analyzed it. The analysis proves that the only kind of a just and durable peace that must come out of this conflict which will guarantee a lasting post-war world must be one that considers the Negro. Not because we are Negroes but because Democracy can only succeed to the degree that the lowest down is elevated.

The Garden rally was more than a talk fest. It marked the begining of an ACT NOW CAMPAIGN:

FIRST—TO STOP STUYVESANT TOWN.

SECOND—TO ABOLISH THE POLL TAX.

THIRD—FOR A DELEGATION TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND CONSULT THE NATION'S LEADERS CONCERNING THE JIM-CROW POLICY IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

FOUR—FOR A VICTORY AGAINST HITLERISM AT HOME, ABROAD, ON BATTLEFIELD, AT PEACE TABLE, AND IN THE POST-WAR WORLD.

John Clayton Thomas

"We Cannot Be Bought"—EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE—"We Will Not Be Sold"

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Councilman Powell Tells Why He Voted to Cut the Budget of the City of New York

TO THE PUBLIC:

The action that I took on Thursday, June 10th, with my fellow councilman, Stanley Isaacs, resulted in the first substantial cut of the city budget by the Council since 1936. It gave to the City Council of New York new spirit and its first real sense of independence. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT YOU THE PEOPLE OF ALL PARTIES ELECTED ME AS AN INDEPENDENT.

First: I did not vote to cut any social services or essential services of our city life, including the following departments: Health, welfare, education, police, fire, hospital and sanitation.

Because of this action on my part there will be over 5 million dollars in extra money and the Mayor and the Board of Estimate will be able to raise relief standards and raise police, fire, sanitation and hospital employees. The Board of Education will have one million dollars for playgrounds, nurseries, etc.

Second: I did vote to override the veto as regards the Borough Presidents' offices; the fuel, because of the one year stock pile; and all the military accruals. One dollar was left on each line to hold the jobs open for returning men. Any man who comes back from the war will immediately find his job available. If the war should suddenly end, the city can issue tax notes to take care of all of the returning civil service employees.

My vote to override the Mayor was an entirely independent action. It came from a man who has always and always will be independent.

A. CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.

Mississippi Manhunts While World Fights War

By RICHARD SHANNON

JACKSON, Miss. (PV's Southern Bureau)—On the eve of a Second Front in Europe, mississippi gave adolf hitler a big helping hand.

It shot down at least two more Negro soldiers, knocked another one unconscious, and locked up 10 more in the Covington County jail at Collins.

As I write this, a mob of Covington County officers and civilians are having a Mississipi field day "n- r huntin' " for several other soldiers following a bloody battle which began when their party of 20 was stopped near Mt. Olive on Sunday, June 6, by State Highway Patrolman C. T. Simmons.

FAILS TO HALT

The other wounded soldier was shot the same night in Collins after two posse members had fired as many loads of buckshot into him when he failed to stop upon their command. Collins' Justice of the Peace Wiley Duckworth then brought him down by shooting him through the leg with a .45 pistol.

Adding insult to legal lynching, Grenada authorities during the same period bulldozed and questioned 1500 Negro soldiers at Fort McClain, claiming that they were trying to locate six men for the alleged rape of a 40-year old white woman near Duck Hill on the night of May 29.

BATTLE STARTS

A joint military-civilian "investigation" this week said that some 40 shots were fired in the Mt. Olive battle. The 20 Negroes were returning from the little town of Sanatorium when they were flagged by Patrolman Simmons who loudly accused them of speeding.

An argument followed, and Simmons went back to his car for his gun. When he returned, flourishing the weapon, one of the Negroes rushed him and knocked it out of his hand.

GRABS FIRE AXE

At that moment, a Tri-State bus stopped by the roadside. The white bus driver and a white soldier, travelling in the vehicle, jumped out and rushed over to reinforce Simmons.

Simmons claimed that the Negro who rushed him then drew his gun and fired without effect. The white soldier grabbed a fire axe from the bus and hit the Negro over the head, causing him to fall to the ground.

After the gunplay, all of the Negroes including 15 members of a Camp Shelby baseball Team, hid in the forest trying to escape what they feared might be a mass-lynching.

Eva Bowles Dies In Richmond, Va.

As PV was going to press, news was received of the death of Miss Eva B. Bowles, nationally known social worker, who died at the Community Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, Monday.

Survivers include her sister, Mrs. Cordelia A. Winn, member of the faculty at Florida A & M College; her niece and a grand nephew.

Riot Flares At Camp Stewart As M.P. Beats Soldier's Wife

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The need for immediate action of the War Department to take measures to eliminate brutalities and injustices against Negro soldiers in the South was brought home with double-barreled force here last week with the outbreak of a riot between Negro soldiers and white guards resulting in the death of a white M.P., the wounding of 4 other M.P.'s, all white.

The disturbance, long feared by Negro press and national civic organizations all of which have asked for action on the mistreatment of soldiers, followed the alleged beating by a white M.P. of a New York girl visiting her husband in camp.

RUMORS SPREAD

Rumors spread like wildfire thruout the camp following the assault upon the soldier's wife, and the beating of the husband by a guard when the boy went to investigate the clubbing.

One report insisted the girl was dead as the result of a fractured skull; another that the husband had also succumbed to his injuries.

According to the version received from a reliable source, the soldier's wife arrived in camp on Friday night and stayed in the guest house provided for visiters. She went out Saturday, it is said and came in after taps, causing an alteration with the guard at the gate.

Although the latter could have taken the girl into custody should he have desired, during the argument he allegedly clubbed her over the head. She was taken to the hospital suffering from concussion of the brain.

TROUBLE STARTS

Tension ran high all day Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, June 9, about 6:30 p.m., Negro soldiers are supposed to have gone down to the gate ready to settle the score. The guards were drawn from the area where they were supposed to be, and are reported to have proceeded into the area occupied by the 100th anti-aircraft outfit of the 369th.

For a few minutes all was quiet and then hell broke loose. Negro soldiers opened fire and the firing is said to have lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., ceasing at dawn.

TWO IN CUSTODY

Although peace has been restored and an investigation under way, tempers of the men are still running high. While no arrests have been made, two Negro soldiers are said to be in temporary custody because of wounds which have not been explained.

Because of communications received in New York on Monday coming directly from the camp, and asking for an investigation into what was reported as the death of the soldiers wife, PV contacted Truman Gibson, Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War.

Gibson stated by telephone from Washington that he had received no information of such a killing, but said a board of inquiry was investigating the riot.

Action Follows Freedom Rally:

The Negro people started a great offensive against fascism at home and abroad last week when 25,000 persons convened for a great freedom rally in Madison Square Garden last week. It was a grim and determined audience—an audience which pledged it would not be stopped until the enslaved peoples of the world were set free.

The tone of the meeting was set by Charles Collins, administrative secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee which sponsored the event. He said: "This meeting serves further to demonstrate the maturing of the Negro masses who no longer seek a solution to their problems along the lines of narrow nationalism.

However, it was when Councilman Adam C. Powell called for the impeachment of Mayor LaGuardia for putting through a contract in the Board of Estimate to build a "southern town in the heart of Manhattan," that a real action program for the future took form. It was then that it became crystallized in the minds of thousands assembled that an action program for minority groups was in the making.

LET MY PEOPLE GO

Powell concluded his impassioned plea: "My cry today and until I die is, let my people go—NOW.

Highlights of other speeches follow:

Wendell L. Willkie (telegram): "For freedom no longer can be the private possession of any one group or segment of our population any more than it can be the exclusive property of any one nation."

Ferdinand C. Smith: "Out of this rally must come measures which will utilize the energies, the skills and the strength of all people, regardless of color, creed or race, who desire to participate in this People's War."

Channing Tobias: "This is truly a people's assembly which has come together . . . in a common determination that our flag shall give the same guarantees of freedom to rich and poor, to black and white, to native and foreign born, to Catholic and Protestant, to Jew and Gentile."

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown: "As long as one Negro woman is shackled, no Negro woman is really free."

Lester Granger: "No fooler lie was ever offered that this is a white man's war."

Dr. Max Yergan: "The Negro people are determined to play their part in this war and to fight discrimination now standing in the way of victory."

Michael Quill: "No section of the labor movement can tolerate for one moment the happenings at Mobile, Detroit and in the copper mines of Butte, Montana."

Congressman Vito Marcantonio: "The Poll-tax Bourbons and the white supremacy are the enemies of the American people and the allies of adolph hitler."

First Lady Rides Subway To Harlem

No! That was no illusion Harlem folks saw walking thru 144th street Tuesday morning. It was the "First Lady" herself, strolling along, accompanied by another woman, making her way to P. S. 194. She had promised to attend the school's Negro History pageant and she wasn't letting the gas shortage stop her.

Quite unperturbed by the flurry of excitement she caused entire to the school, Mrs. Roosevelt told Daniel Kwan, principal of the school, that she had ridden the 8th avenue subway and had enjoyed the trip to Harlem. She had trolled from 149th and St. Nicholas avenue to the school at 220 W. 144th street.

The children of the school were presenting a pageant tracing the development of legendary Harlem from Indian days to the present.

TO TALK ABOUT LEND-LEASE

Three delegates from Ethiopia to the United Nations Food Conference were included among representatives addressed by President FDR Monday, June 7. The delegates, H. Tessema, Y. Duressa and A. Aberbe (l to r) are shown as they arrived at Union Station, Washington, DC where they will complete arrangements for Lend-Lease aid from the UK.—OWI foto.

Stop Stuyvesant Town Movement Gains Impetus

By WILLIAM M. KELLEY
PV Managing Editor & Registered Life Insurance Consultant

Special

STUYVESANT TOWN, the Alcatraz in which the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company hopes to imprison the hopes and aspirations of the Negro for full manhood status, is meeting with strenuous opposition from an aroused Negro citizenry, who are being assisted by individuals and groups opposed to the further extension of jim-crow housing projects in New York City.

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., editor of the PEOPLE'S VOICE, has already taken definite steps to thwart Mayor Laguardia and Park Commissioner Moses in their attempt to jam this $60,000,000 project down the throats of the people at the expense of taxpayers of the city.

As PV goes to press, the Isaacs-Powell law is under consideration in the City Council and if it passes, the City of New York will be forbidden from entering into contracts which make Stuyvesant Towns possible. Redevelopment corporations will then have to give specific assurances that their housing projects will be open to all citizens regardless of race, creed and color.

FORD SUES CITY

Following the issuance of a summons by Joseph E. Ford, administrator of the People's Committee, as a policyholder of Metropolitan Life Insurance, against the insurance company, the Board of Estimate, the Comptroller of the City of New York and the city itself, to prevent this mass discrimination, an emergency meeting of the executive council of the People's Committee was held last Wednesday, with Arthur Garfield Hays of the American Civil Liberties Union; Martin Prosper, of the National Lawyers' Guild; former Solicitor General Henry Epstein, and Councilman Stanley Isaacs, also present.

APPROVAL THWARTED

Metropolitan Life was all set to see Stuyvesant Town eased through the Board of Estimate last Friday, but a lobby committee from the People's Committee button-holed each borough president upon his arrival at City Hall and a final decision in the matter of a jim-crow city within New York City was not permitted to come up.

Through a series of articles on life insurance, the PEOPLE'S VOICE over a year ago warned that war should be declared on the undemocratic practices of six billion dollar Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, whose income from Negroes might amount to as much as $36,000,000 annually.

COMPANY'S SORDID HISTORY

Despite this tremendous income, the company has always sought to discriminate against the Negro in the types of policies issued to him; set up jim-crow district offices to handle his business, and excludes the Negro from employment in a current working force of 49,000 employees.

Housing projects, including Parkchester in the Bronx, have already been built by Metropolitan Life to accommodate 20,000, but not a penny of the company's resources has gone to better housing conditions among Negroes.

COUNCIL HEAD OPPOSED

Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, who voted against Stuyvesant Town, said recently:

"Because private capital is involved, I believe the landlord should have the right to select desirable tenants. No one wants to live in a building where the occupants are dirty or drunken or excessively noisy. Being 'desirable' doesn't hinge on racial origin. Desirability or undesirability cuts right across various races. . . .

"The President of the Metropolitan says that 'whites and blacks don't mix, perhaps in a hundred years they will.' A hundred years from now will be too late. The Democratic way of life is on trial today. The time is NOW, the place is NYC, which we claim with pride is the leading democratic city of the entire world."

Blame Hearst Press for Build-Up Of Zoot-Suit Riots Into Race War

Four federal agencies were bombarded this week with demands for immediate investigation into anti-Mexican and Negro incitement behind the recent "zoot suit riots" in Los Angeles. Agencies were: Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC), Office of War Information (OWI), Office of Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and War Manpower Commission.

Race riots flared with dangerous intensity in California last week, set off by clashes between white sailors and Mexican-American youths, and lasting for three days. Eyewitnesses account of the trouble was given at a press conference Friday by Mrs. Josefina Fierro Bright, member of the Citizens Committee for Defense of American Youth.

Mrs. Bright flew to New York from Los Angeles last Monday when it became apparent that little co-operation was forthcoming from civil authorities there to get at the root of the disturbance.

MEXICANS VICTIMIZED

During the trial, all the Mexican segment of Los Angeles' population was harrassed and victimized by the police. Hundreds of them were rounded up, taken to jail, questioned and then released. In the great majority of cases, no convictions were obtained—yet each day headlines screamed—"More Mexican hoodlums rounded up"; "Police Bag 5 Zoot-Suiters in One Night." The term zoot-suiter became synonymous with Mexican and Negro.

During and after the trial, Mexican-Americans, alarmed at the harm being done, formed committees with other fair-minded citizens and made sincere attempts to provide recreational facilities for Mexican youth. Clubs were set up that gave boys benefit of mature and interested guidance.

Last week's trouble started, ironically enough, when a group of boys were attending a meeting with a probation officer in the Central jail. After the meeting they were warned that about 50 white sailors armed with sticks, clubs, rocks and guns were roaming their neighborhood in search of "zoot-suiters" and trouble.

The boys, accompanied by the parole officer, left the meeting and found that sailors had entered a movie house, beat up a woman and two young children. The probation officer convinced his boys to go home without adding to the disturbance.

They kept their word. Next night Mrs. Bright said, the sailors returned in terrifying numbers. "I saw 25 cabs packed with sailors swinging blackjacks, lined up in the Mexican section. They beat all zoot suit boys they could find—we had asked our boys not to go on the streets. Then they beat defense workers wearing identification buttons, dragged people off of trolleys, and I saw the police standing around laughing and cheering the sailors on. The rioting swept through Mexican town into the Negro section."

NEGROES, MEXICANS ARRESTED

Negroes and Mexicans were arrested in great numbers. The sailors went untouched.

Mrs. Bright blamed the Hearst press whose inflammatory stories and headlines made a gullible populace believe that wild-eyed gangs of boys in 'drapes' were combing the streets, for the trouble. She also said that FBI investigation should be made of the police force because it seemed to be acting as a fifth column tool.

"Race rioting in Detroit, Texas, Georgia, Los Angeles and Mobile—these are not isolated instances. This is the pattern of the fifth column—this is what axis agents thrive on."

Other groups demanding investigations are the NAACP, National Lawyers Guild, and National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

SPREADS TO PHILLY

The anti-zoot suit furore spread, fanned by press reports, and Saturday in Philadelphia four Negro boys wearing zoot trousers and pancake hats were attacked and badly beaten on a street corner by 25 white boys in a fracas in which several shots were exchanged.

The zooters were treated at a hospital for head and face injuries and then arrested for their "own protection." None of the white attackers were apprehended.

The fanatical attacks even extended to whites. Two of Gene Krupa's boys, standing on a railroad station platform in Philly, attired in band uniforms, were set upon and beaten by white sailors, resulting in the confinement of one of the musicians to a hospital suffering from a fractured skull.

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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June 30, 1943

Director, FBI

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A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

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I have advise[redacted] is being referred to the Department of Justice through our headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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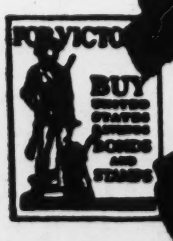

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 29, 1943, in the captioned matter. You are informed that [redacted] b7D were referred to the Criminal Division of the Department with the request that the Bureau be advised what, if any, action should be taken with respect to this matter. As soon as a reply is received, you will be advised if any action is to be taken by your Office.

Very truly yours,

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Re: PEOPLES VOICE (Negro Weekly Newspaper)
INTERNAL SECURITY C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are clippings taken from the June 26 issue of the above paper. This paper takes the attitude that the recent riots are foreign inspired. Rev. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR. in an editorial entitled "Calling America: Which City Next" rebukes the FBI stating "if they had spent half the time they used in rounding up crackpot Negro Nationalists in rounding up Klu Kluxers, Christian Fronters, and Coughlinites, then there wouldn't be any riots in America today".

POWELL in his "Soapbox" editorial makes a plea for unity between the Negro people and labor which is in keeping with the theme of the recent Communist backed "Negro Freedom Rally" held at Madison Square Garden on June 7, 1943.

Your attention is also called to the article entitled "Diner refuses service to Soldier" showing discrimination by the Illinois Central Railroad, and to the one entitled "N. Africa Is a Little Bit of Georgia", in which JOSEPH BURNS, seaman, tells of discrimination against colored soldiers in North Africa by the army.

Consideration should be given to presentment of such articles to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for an opinion as to whether or not such publications fall within the violations of the Sedition Statute.

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Similar enclosed clippings are being retained for the file of this office.

The Bureau will regularly be furnished with clippings of interest as obtained from issues of the subject publication.

Very truly yours,

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N. Africa Is A Little Bit Of Georgia, Seaman Says

Joseph Burns, seaman who returned from N. Africa on the Liberty Ship Betty Zane last week, is pretty perturbed about what is happening to our boys at home and abroad now risking their necks for the final overthrow of fascism.

Burns is a hard-hitting, down-to-earth guy, not yet 28, who has been around the world a couple of times. He has seen a lot of things and has plenty of "mother wit." He knows what a fascist victory would mean to the Negro and other minority groups. And he's ready now to join the armed forces to help rip the mask of treachery from the face of the world.

But there are some things he would like to see straightened out right now—things like the treatment of the 869th down in Georgia and the treatment of our boys in N. Africa.

SOLDIERS INDIGNANT

"Guys in N. Africa are indignant about the way our boys in the armed forces are being treated over here," he told *PV* this week.

"They are anxious to fight hitler. But they are confused when dixie psychology reaches over into Africa during a time they are fighting like hell for democracy."

The boys in Oran had plenty reason to be hot, Burns said, citing the following conditions under which they are living:

- They are barred from public places;
- White soldiers are given night passes to attend movies and go visiting while they were off duty (Negro soldiers were forced to remain in camp);
- Negro soldiers seen on streets in the company of white women are summarily hauled into headquarters for questioning.

FROM BAD TO WORSE

Things are going from bad to worse, Burns says. Tension was so high last November that MP guard was trebled around pubic places. Then one day, the lid popped off. It was over a minor incident but the repercussions were terrific.

A few Negro soldiers, off duty, were denied entrance to a public place. It was like setting a gasoline-soaked pyre aflame.

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Nat'l Groups Wire FDR On Riots

The following organizations have sent requests to President Roosevelt to take immediate action to end the serious racial conflicts occurring throughout the nation:

● Philip Murray, President, CIO: asked the President to expose the riots as enemy-instigated plots to disrupt allied unity. He stated that enemy agents are pointing to the treatment of citizens of Latin-American extraction and of Negroes to bolster their claim that the US is not sincere in its war aims or in professions of friendship and equality among nations. . . ."

● Ferdinand Smith, chairman, and Charlie Collins, secretary, Negro Labor Victory Committee: "The new outbreak of violence against Negro Americans in Detroit is a cleaner evidence that enemy agents working through native fascist groups are brazenly carrying on their organized campaign to cripple our war production program and thus delay the new offensives the United Nations are conducting against Hitler. We feel that the Detroit outbreak demands most stringent measures to prevent the further breakdown of morale and war production. We urge that the Ku Klux Klan be dissolved immediately and we urge that you make a direct appeal to the American people not to permit themselves to be taken in by demagogues and enemy agents who are deliberately inciting these racial riots."

[redacted] Granger, National Urban League: stated that [redacted] outbreaks in war plants, clashes in army camps and the increasing feelings of insecurity among minority group citizens are undermining the war effort: "We therefore call on you to order an immediate investigation of these outbreaks and the possibility of their subversive instigation in industrial plants and communities throughout the country . . . and to make a direct personal radio appeal to American citizens . . . to stop racial conflict and un-American conduct . . ."

● Walter White, executive secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "The rioting which broke out in Detroit Monday morning resulting at this hour in at least six deaths and more than 400 injured, climaxes a condition which can be checked only by your personal intervention. We urge you to go on the radio at the earliest possible moment and appeal to America to resist axis and other propaganda which is the cause of outbreaks within the last fortnight at Los Angeles, Calif., Beaumont and El Paso, Texas, Philadelphia and Chester, Pa., and other places."

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People's Committee Starts Industrial Info Series

Negroes must play their part in the winning of the war in the factory, Herbert Draesel, Wright Aeronautical expert, told a l: [illegible]e audience gathered at the People's Committee headquarters, 132 W. 138 st, last Wednesday night.

This was the first of a series of information classes conducted by the Rev. Ben Richardson, assistant pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, and Joe Ford, secretary of the committee.

Wright Aeronautical, one of the world's largest aircraft engine builders, located in Paterson, N. J., is certainly no sucker for hitler's softening-up tactics, the audience learned. Hate strikes, jimcro, labor-baiting and all the other delaying and sabotage fascist devices besieging industry today, play no part in this great plant dedicated to the business of winning the war. Negroes not only work there, but are hired daily.

It was Herbert Draesel who introduced Negro women to big industry. Now other companies are employing them. He said the plant has Negroes in every capacity. There is a Negro employment supervisor as well as counselors who look after the morale of the workers. The plant is now looking for hundreds of workers to replace men going into the Army and to fill needs created by expansion. The Negro worker in the plant, Mr. Draesel commented, is doing a spendid job.

Oliver G. Terrell of the National Technical Institute, 25 W. 49 st, where workers are trained for a few weeks, outlined the work of the school. Courses are free, since the school operates under state and national auspices.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

Fires don't start in several places at once by accident. They are set. Similarly, race riots don't start in several places at once by accident. They are set.

Riots in Beaumont, Texas, last week, the "zoot suit" riots in Los Angeles, trouble in the Packard plant in Detroit, racial riots in Mobile, Ala., and the brief sit-down strike because of racial antagonism in Brooklyn are indications that some force is at work to stir up the country and destroy the war effort.

It is high time that that force was recognized. This force is the new Axis strategy—subtle sabotage. It doesn't involve blowing up factories or destroying bridges or impairing armaments. It is the old-time worn and tried strategy of divide and conquer.

In every place where so-called race riots have occurred, war production has been disturbed. In Mobile, work in the shipyards was obstructed. In Beaumont, ship construction work was stopped. In Detroit, work on plane parts and tanks was held up. In Los Angeles, members of the armed forces were given a perverted view of their relationship with minority groups. All of this must be viewed as a deliberate plot on the part of appeasement and fascist elements in our country whose aim is to halt production at all cost and cripple our war effort at a time when the United Nations stand on the threshold of delivering crushing blows against our Fascist enemies.

The people await the leadership of the Administration in rooting out the traitors in our midst who, by fostering this dissension, hope to deliver our country into Hitler's hands.

This must not be allowed. Vigorous steps must be taken to expose the forces behind these so-called "spontaneous" riots and bring them to justice.

Delays in these cases are Axis aiders. Vigorous prosecution of these forces will put a stop to this new sabotage.

The race picture is not all bleak, however.

The National War Labor Board's recent decision in case 771 struck a smashing blow at Jim-Crow and Fascism. The Board's statement, "The classification of 'colored laborers' and 'white laborers' shall be abolished. All workers affected shall be classified as laborers and shall receive the same rates of pay for that classification regardless of color," goes far beyond the mere classification of workers.

It serves notice upon reactionaries, appeasers, and Southern bourbons that in this fight for the destruction of Fascism all obstacles standing in the way of the victorious termination of the conflict must be eliminated.

The Board's decision further stated that the wage increase involved in its order was made "without regard to the Little Steel formula, but with regard simply for the democratic formula of equal pay for work equal in quantity and quality in the same classification."

The Board said that this doctrine was based upon the sound American principle of equality regardless of color, race, sex, or religion or national origin.

One of the most important points in the Board's decision was its statement that, "It is the acknowledged fact that in spite of all the handicaps of slavery and discrimination, the Negro in America has compressed more progress in the shortest time than any race in human history. Whether as vigorous fighting men or for production of food and munitions, America needs the Negro. The Negro is necessary for winning the war and at the same time, is a test of our sincerity in the cause for which we are fighting."

This is only another way of saying that given the opportunity to participate in the full life of the country, our people could contribute greatly not only to the speedier conclusion of this conflict, but to the assurance of the winning and establishing of a People's peace.

That must be our goal.

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SOAPBOX · · by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

ON JUNE 30 IN CHESTER, PA., a monumental decision must be made by the Negro and white workers of the Sun Ship Building Yard.

There is no way to underestimate the shipyard problem of America. Definitely, Axis inspired attacks are being made on Negroes in all shipyards. These attacks, as in Mobile, are being made with the inactive, if not the active, cooperation of the owners of the shipyards themselves. They are attacks at prolonging the war, maintaining the tremendous profits and, thereby, delaying the defeat of Hitler. The majority of the white workers are not in favor of this situation, but due to the "herd mind" of America today they are victimized by a few subversive Axis agitators.

It is up to the black and white workers of the Sun Ship Building Company of Pennsylvania to strike a blow for Democracy now. While other U.S.A. shipyards are seething with Axis victories the biggest shipyard in the North has the opportunity of nullifying these Axis gains.

On June 30 men and women of Chester, Pa., must vote with either the AFL, the CIO, or the company union. There can be no choice in a situation like this especially for the Negro workers. While the AFL has kept its doors traditionally closed to Negroes and still does in many key industries the CIO has had a wide open policy. The CIO forced whites to work with Negroes in Detroit. The CIO has pleaded with its workers in Mobile and Beaumont to cease their rioting. The CIO had done more to advance the Negro economically than any force to appear on the American scene. It is not just to pay back a debt. It is more than that. . . .

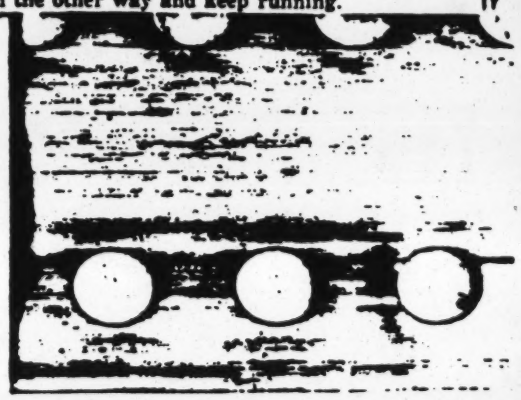
The whole future of the world depends on the unity of black and white labor. The white worker will never realize all his dreams unless he takes the black man, side by side, with him.

The destinies of labor and the Negro people are one and inseparable. Unless we realize this there will be no victory for the common man, black or white, in the post-war world.

The Sun Shipbuilding Company employs thirty-five thousand workers of which fourteen thousand are Negroes. They never employed Negroes to do anything until the forces of this war with the shortage of manpower made them take them in. The CIO did more than any single agency to see that the owner, John Pew, hired Negroes.

Now, John Pew is the key political figure of Pennsylvania of the Republican party. He doesn't want to lose the votes of thirty-five thousand people. He thinks that as long as he has a company union he can control the votes. But he is wrong. First—no one can control the Negro vote any more, and, secondly—the Negro is going to be CIO after June 30.

The main reason why I would vote CIO in the Sun Shipbuilding Yards is due to the finest crop of Uncle Toms to ever appear on the human scene employed by John Pew. There is one yardstick by which the Negro can evaluate anything: when the bandanna-wrapped head of an Uncle Tom appears, regardless of whether he is supposed to be a big Negro or not, turn the other way and keep running.



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Baptist Clergy Acts To Refuse Chaplain Posts In Biased Army

Refusal to further endorse Baptist ministers for service as Chaplains in the United States Army until mistreatment of Negro chaplains as well as soldiers is halted, is the substance of a brief but strongly-worded resolution which will undoubtedly be enacted into a law at the meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Kansas City, in September.

Sponsored by the New Jersey State Baptist Convention and introduced by the official delegation of the Western Baptist Convention of California for approval by the national executive board, the resolution is the first concrete step made by Negro ministers to fight the increasingly serious jimcro problem in the Army.

TO THE POINT

The resolution reads in part:

"Events of the past year have accumulated facts, establishing a policy of bias on the part of the War Department and Army Commanders in their relation toward, and treatment of Colored Clergymen who have volunteered their services, as Chaplains in the Armed forces of America.

"This firmly-established policy acts to deprive Colored Clergymen of the dignity, privilege and prerogatives, envisioned by the Congress of the United States and Organized Religious Denominations.

"This policy has already resulted in the public humiliation of outstanding members of the Baptist clergy of America, and the consequent humiliation of their Denominational Organizations.

DISASTROUS FORCE

"This humiliation and treatment of Negro clergymen by tacit agreement of the Chief of Chaplains, the Chaplain's Office and the War Department has the effect of destroying the usefulness and influence of Baptist Clergymen in the Army, and in fact, destroys the confidence of laymembership of the church in its constituted official staff, and member clergymen.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it be the sense of this Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., The National Baptist Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Congress and affiliated Organizations hereto, that we will REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBERS OF OUR DENOMINATION TO SERVE AS CHAPLAINS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNTIL THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, ITS CORRECTION BEING CERTIFIED TO BY OUR MEMBERS, WHO ARE AT PRESENT SERVING AS CHAPLAINS. . . ."

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FOR THE BATTLE-FRONT

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PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE ACTS:

Sets National Convene To Expose Riot Causes

Moving with swiftness to meet a national crisis precipitated by hate-strikes, riots and pillaging, The Peoples Committee last Saturday called a national conference tentatively to be held in Washington July 5.

This action was taken after the committee's chairman, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., declared the wave of race disturbances was nothing less than enemy propaganda on the psychological front, calculated according to the Hitler plan, to turn one group against another.

A representative from the Anti-Nazi League offered documentary proof to substantiate Powell's statement.

The Hotel Front Service Union further supported Powell's statement, and said:

"We appeal to the white people of America not to be provoked by these conscious elements seeking to undermine our national unity."

City officials of Beaumont, Texas stated last week that enemy influence may have inspired the riots there. Philip Murray wrote President Roosevelt that the so-called zoot suit riots were but a plot of the enemy to ferment racial disunity in the United States.

AID TO HITLER

Declaring that any one who advocates race hatred in America is fighting Hitler's battle, Powell ponited out that it makes little difference in France today whether Frenchmen are black or white, or whether they had belonged to a union or to any political party. He said France did not lose on the field of battle, but that it was betrayed at home while its people fought each other.

The conference is intended to bring these lessons before the American public and to urge the President and high public officials to speak out now against race strife.

Harrison S. Jackson, chief attorney for the committee and Atty. Vernal L. Williams for the Consolidated Tenants League, reported that they had started restraining action in the names of tax payers and policy holders against the Board of Estimate to prevent the use of public money to build the Metropolitan Insurance Company's segregated "walled city."

PLAN TRIBUTE TO SERVICEMEN

Plans for "Tribute To Negro Service Men" were announced to a press conference Thursday, June 17, at the Hotel Theresa. Taking part in the arrangements for the affair to be held Sunday, June 27, at the Renaissance Casino are, left to right: Bob Dorsey, Alma Forrest, Felicia Sorrell and Sgt. Bill Attaway.

SUN SHIP YARD GUARDS FIRE ON WORKERS; SEVEN INJURED

CHESTER, Pa.—Rioting exploded in inflammatory Number Four yard of the Sun Ship and Drydock Company here last Wednesday when Company guards fired into a noon-day crowd of workers, seriously injuring seven. All persons involved were Negroes.

Relations between the Company and Local No. 2, International Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers of America, CIO, have drawn a sharp line of division among Sun Ship employees. Tactics employed by the Company to further its campaign for winning a general plant election, scheduled for June 30, finally resulted in Wednesday's turmoil and confusion.

According to an eyewitness report trouble progressed this way:

● A worker approached the Company cafeteria, Wednesday, before the noon whistle blew, and was stopped by a guard. Worker was wrong, as no one is allowed out for lunch before 12. Guard wanted to see his button, which was unintentionally concealed beneath the jacket he wore over his work suit. While showing button, worker made a few remarks, which guard didn't like. He threatened to take worker to guardhouse.

● A crowd had gathered for lunch and heard guard's threat. They told him just to take number, let worker go. He agreed, as misdemeanor was slight.

● Crowd went in to lunch, but after meal was over, came out of cafeteria to find that guard number one had collected three fellowcops, one of whom was recently promoted Captain James Brown. All four jumped on worker, and the crowd, now numbering several thousand, protested. Edwin Abrams, CIO shop steward, begged guards to let man go and urged workers to return to jobs.

● Someone, in fact, skipped a small stone over Brown's shoulder. He drew his gun, and waved it at the crowd, which immediately started to move in panic. One man, NOT the original cause of the trouble, ran over a pile of steel, jumped down, and was followed by Brown, who shot him once in the shoulder, and then, from a distance of four to five feet, fired two more shots.

● Brown's henchmen started firing wildly into the milling throng of workers and when the smoke cleared away five men were lying on the ground, seriously wounded. Two others were found to be shot. So far no one is dead.

The day shift at Sun, which had been inclined to favor the Company union, has now swung wholeheartedly over to the CIO forces, practically guaranteeing Local 2 the victory in next Wednesday's election.

LONG ISLAND DAILY FAVORS LYNCH LAW

The following are excerpts from the editorials in the *Review-Star*, white daily published in Rockville Center, NY, and circulated in Nassau County, a stone's throw from the city of New York.

"Flashy dressed Negroes have been arrested in Hempstead. While these boys apparently are not charged with rape, if permitted to pursue their career of crime it is only a question of time until this outrage will be added. . . . These crimes are not restricted to Harlem and the worst sections of Greater New York. . . . Mass attacks on girls have occurred in several Nassau villages. . . . Women war workers have been robbed and raped in many cites . . . if the record of quick and terrible punishment was glaring enough . . . young army officers have given their wives small pistols which they carry with them . . . we understand might be sanctioned despite the Sullivan Law. . . . .

It is customary in the North to think of lynch law in the South as a horrible thing, but it has had the one extenuating benefit of making the South the safest place in the world for white women and girls, even in areas where there is a preponderance of men of another race.

Within the law there must be built up as quickly as possible the same protections for women and girls everywhere. . . ."

A PRETTY STORY

Another excerpt from a more recent one: "Preferably we shall lock them (Negroes) up, but if it is necessary to string them up in order to make our homes secure, there will be no priorities on rope! . . ."

To-Hell-With-Democracy Is Riot Theme; FDR Orders Troops In Detroit

DETROIT—Ku kluxers, america firsters and hitler won an overwhelming fascist victory Sunday and Monday when they turned the United Nation's arsenal city into a scarred and bloody battlefield.

With the stench of hand-to-hand street fighting still clinging to its nostrils after 24 hours of the worst race rioting this country has witnessed since l'affaire Houston in World War I, Detroit awoke Tuesday morning to find:

- 24 of its citizens dead—3 white, 21 Negro, 16 of whom were killed by police in an alleged attempt to disperse crowds;
- 700 persons injured, many of them seriously;
- 600, mostly Negroes, jailed;
- jeeps, trucks and tanks manned by Federal troops swinging up the main thoroughfares as per Monday night's Presidential order;
- untold thousands of dollars of property wantonly destroyed;
- only persons going to and from war jobs allowed on the streets;
- bars, grills, restaurants, public places, including movies, closed.

FEDERAL TROOPS SENT

President Roosevelt sent federal troops here late Monday night following a telephone conference with Gov. Harry F. Kelly, who had ordered a modified form of military law, with state militia and deputized civilian police, over the city during the day. Declared the President:

"I do hereby command all persons engaged in unlawful and insurrectionary proceedings to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes immediately and hereafter abandon said combinations and submit themselves to the laws and the constituted authorities of said state (Michigan)."

Gov. Kelly had declared a state of emergency Monday and a 10 pm curfew several hours before Federal troops from Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mt. Clemens, Mich., in full battle array, entered the city. Despite the Governor's orders, clashes between Negroes and whites continued unabated on the East Side, an area with a population of more than 40,000 Negroees.

During the day, bands of hoodlums brandishing lead pipes, bricks, and broken glass bottles swarmed over the neighborhood unhampered by the police.

In the three other Negro "islands" of the city, and before the Hudson Arsenal and other war plants, similar bands began mobilizing for trouble.

Little effort was made to disperse them. Automobiles parked along the streets were wrecked and overturned, some even burned, and store windows were smashed for blocks and stores looted. War production was halted when hundreds of Negro war workers refused to go to work in order to protect their families.

FASCIST-PLANNED

The incident that touched the match to the flame, which trade union and civic leaders here say is in reality a sinister and planned plot of fascist forces to hamper the war effort, was an innocent enough fight between a sailor and a Negro at Belle Isle, a public resort on Sunday.

A general brawl ensued which quickly spread from the park to various parts of the city and finally concentrated on the East Side when it was invaded by white hoodlums.

The riot followed fighting last week at Eastwood Park where hoodlums beat up every Negro they could lay their hands on and other disturbances in Inkster, a suburb of Detroit, which was blown up into a race riot by the Hearst Times.

An emergency meeting of more than 250 representatives of labor, fraternal, church and civic groups, both Negro and white, met in the dining hall of the Lucy Thurman branch YWCA Monday noon to take steps to quell the rioting. Mayor Jeffries, who attended, presented a plan to the delegates to quell the rioting which they considered unsatisfactory.

He told them that 3,500 police and 1,000 auxiliary police were mobilized on the East Side; but delegates called his attention to the fact that police were concentrated in the Negro community and that the majority of the injured and killed were also Negro. They demanded that it was the responsibility of the police to be impartial and protect all citizens regardless of race, color and creed. They further demanded the arrest of leaders of the mobs who were beating up Negroes.

HEARST TIMES BLAMED

R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, declared: "The statement that no organization is behind this is completely false. The rioting taking place . . . is a manifestation of lawlessness and racial hatred which have no place in any American city. . . . While our armed forces are fighting to exterminate hitlerism and racial hatred throughout the world, no American should lend himself to creating and fostering intolerance and violence in our own country."

Judge Patrick O'Brien condemned the instigators of the riots and volunteered his personal aid and the help of the Lawyers' Guild. During the meeting the Hearst Times was criticized for its inflammatory and inciting reporting of the fighting."

At Fort Custer, outside Detroit, members of the Negro quartermaster battalion commandeered jeeps and trucks to go to Detroit to aid their families and friends. Before they could leave camp, however, they were thrown into jail.

At one street corner, white soldiers came to the aid of a Negro saying: "You guys are stirring up something we are trying to stop."

SHOOT TO KILL

Police indicted themselves when they released the list of dead.

(See roster of the dead on back page.)

RIOT BULLETIN—Up to Tuesday afternoon, 1,600 persons, nearly 1,000 of whom are Negroes, had been arrested, charged with inciting to riot and carrying concealed weapons.

Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, flew to Detroit.

The CIO has called a special meeting.

Food in the Negro section is scarce and it has been rumored that the water has been poisoned.

A Negro street car motorman was shot as he attempted to maneuver his trolley through the white mob.

Hitler Speaks!

"AMERICA IS PERMANENTLY ON THE BRINK OF REVOLUTION. IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO PRODUCE UNREST AND REVOLTS IN THE UNITED SATES, SO THAT THESE GENTRY WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. WE HAVE NO USE FOR THEM IN EUROPE.

"I SHALL NEVER START A WAR WITHOUT THE CERTAINTY THAT A DEMORALIZED ENEMY WILL SUCCUMB TO THE FIRST STROKE OF A SINGLE GIGANIC ATTACK."—QUOTED FROM ADOLF HITLER AND REPRINTED FROM PM NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

"Lowest Race Bias" Charged To Taber

The charge of a use of "the lowest form of racial prejudice" was attributed this week by the NAACP to Congressman John Taber of New York.

The charge, made in a scathing letter, stated Taber had taken advantage of the privilege rule of the House Appropriations Committee to bitterly assail the National Youth administration because the NYA did not segregate Negro and white trainees in its courses in Taber's hometown of Auburn, NY.

WAS "DARED"

It also charged that Taber, on a "dare" from Congressman Tarver of Georgia had "apparently not had the courage to say publicly" what he had previously said in executive session.

The NAACP also asked Congressman Joseph Martin, minority leader ,to repudiate Tabor unless the impression be given that "Mr. Taber's position is approved by the Republican membership of the Congress."

STAND BEHIND THE CONGRESSMEN WHO STAND BEHIND YOU!

POLICE "PROTECTORS"

Negro citizens had more to fear from those whose duty it was to maintain law and order than from mobs, as is clearly evident in this picture, during the Detroit riot. INS Soundphoto

Natl. Groups Ask FDR To Intervene in Riots

The following organizations, through their officers have sent requests to President Roosevelt to take immediate action to end the serious racial conflicts occuring throughout the nation:

CIO, Philip Murray, president; Negro Labor Victory Committee, Ferdinand Smith, chairman, Charles Collins, secretary; National Negro Congress, Max Yergan, president; National Urban League, Lester Granger, executive secretary; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary.

All of the messages urged the President to appeal to America to resist axis propaganda, which is felt to be the cause of outbreaks throughout the country.

COMPANY GUARDS ACCUSED

Read the Story on the Recent Sun Ship Riots on Page 4 and Soap Box on Page 5.

A Militant Paper

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Hitler, Hirohito, Mussolini, Axis! Bah! This war may be won or lost right here at home, as strikes, riots, disunity and race prejudice take their deadly toll!—WMK— Story, Pictures, List of Dead, Page 3 and 32.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Edited by ANN PETRY

CALIFORNIA

In Los Angeles daily newspapers were accused by Mayor Fletcher Bowron and Police Chief Horral's office of inciting a riot situation by building up in the minds of the public the danger of so-called zoot suit gangs. The Mexican Consul has asked for an immediate investigation.

The Rev. Clayton Russell in commenting on LA's Mexican minority quoted Stephen J. Keating of the County probation department: "The astonishing thing about Mexican youth delinquency is that the percentage is so low when you consider the background out of which they come—the terrible housing, the poverty and discrimination."

GEORGIA

In Atlanta the City Council last week found itself in the peculiar position of having to decide whether Negroes would view Hollywood's much discussed film version of Cabin In The Sky. J. Neal Montgomery, director of the Southeastern Artists Bureau, Inc., rented the city auditorium for a week's showing of the flicker. G. Town Bailey of Bally Theatres Inc. (controlling 5 theatres) had previously refused to book Cabin, claiming MGM's price was too high.

Bailey asked the City Council to restrain Montgomery from showing the film because the admission price being charged (44c) was "too high for our colored people". The Council, embarrassed because Montgomery had already paid one thousand bucks for rental of the auditorium, turned the affair over to City Attorney Jack Savage. Savage decided in favor of Montgomery thus assuring Atlantans a view of Cabin. Ironically the film had its first showing at Loew's Grand Theatre which doesn't admit Negroes. The theatre belongs to MGM.

KENTUCKY

The Negro Publisher's Association elected Chicago Defender manager, John H. Sengstacke, as its president at the close of a two-day confab held in Louisville. He succeeds William O. Walker of the Cleveland Call-Post. The Mark Ethridge dailies, Courier-Journal and the Times played host to delegates on the last day of the pow-pow.

MARYLAND

Democracy, that elusive creature, is working overtime at the Forest Glen Annex of Walter Reed Hospital in Forest Glen. Negro and white soldiers (ambulatory cases recently returned from overseas) drill, eat, sleep and play together with complete lack of discrimination. The Annex purchased last September by the Army for $555,000, was formerly exclusive National Park College which catered to wealthy girls. The school's luxurious furnishings are still in use.

MICHIGAN

Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, biggest local in the world, held a giant membership meeting at Olympia, June 20. Paul Robeson was guest artist and sang with the Ford Workers Chorus of the local. Meeting celebrated signing of the union contract one year ago.

MISSOURI

Emma Jane Lee, Fustus school teacher, last week filed suit in the US District Court against the Fustus School Board in an effort to eliminate differentials in salaries paid Negro and white teachers.

NORTH CAROLINA

J. Saunders Redding, author of No Day Of Triumph and chairman of the English department at Elizabeth City NC Teachers College, was elected last week to alumni membership in Phi Beta Kappa at Brown University, Providence, RI, his former alma mater. Dr. John Hope, late president of Atlanta University, is the only other Negro to receive a similar honor at Brown.

VIRGINIA

Samuel Lagiona, 22, of Berryville, was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the alleged rape of a married white woman will be released from the State penitentiary because last week the Court of Appeals reversed his conviction. Justice George L. Browning declared "while we do not know what occurred on the night of the alleged offense, our common sense and knowledge of human nature tells us that which the prosecutrix and her husband have related did not occur."

WASHINGTON,DC

News of the first Negro hero of the US Submarine Service was released here this week. Joseph Cross, formerly of New Orleans, was awarded an achievement ribbon aboard his ship, somewhere in the Pacific by Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Commander of Submarines in the Pacific. Cross won the ship's lookout contest for which officers of his ship presented him with $75. Lieut. Commander Philip S. Ross, captain of Cross' sub, said of him: "He seems to see as well at night as by day. He's our best Jap spotter."

PV Checks Hush Hush Of Suicide

By YVONNE GREGORY

The body of 22 - year - old Woodrow Samuels, who, police claim, hung himself last week in the 123d st station, should be on its way to South Carolina for burial, and what appears to be a flagrant example of police "hush-up" would have slipped into obscurity.

This case will not go unquestioned; it must not be allowed to slide out of the public mind. It is of the same material as the notorious Edward Melendes case in St. Louis, Mo. Melendes and Samuels both died in police cells and causes of their deaths were not properly reported. The St. Louis Star-Times refused to let Melendes case die because facts indicated foul play. PV reporters were able to stop Samuels' family on their way to Lynchburg, SC, Monday, for his funeral. They were further able to check shipment of his body, and it now lies in the morgue, awaiting the autopsy that it did not, but should have received by law.

This is the story of what happened to Woodrow Samuels, so far as is now known. He had been a roofer's helper since he was released last February on parole from prison in Elmira, NY. He had served 18 months there on an assault conviction. Samuels quit his job last Saturday because he had passed his final physical examination and was to be inducted into the army on Saturday, June 26. He was picked up Wednesday on an alleged robbery charge and taken to the 123rd st police station, where he is supposed to have been placed in a cell, and to have hanged himself 15 minutes later with his own belt.

When his father, Isaac Samuels of 26 W 126th st received a report of Woodrow's death later Wednesday afternoon and went to the police station to make inquiries, he was refused the name of the arresting officer. He was not allowed to see his son's body.

Why did police allow this prisoner to retain his belt in the cell when, by law, belts, suspenders, and other possible instruments of death must be removed from a prisoner's person? Further evidence of reasons for hush-up are: death was not reported to parole officer, McSwain Wardlow, nor to Local Draft Board 54.

This case should have been turned over to the medical examiner, an autopsy performed, and a thorough report of the causes of death submitted for the record.

According to Mrs. Florence Browne, 62 W. 128nd st., the undertaker who handled Samuels' body, NO AUTOPSY HAD BEEN MADE. Further, Mrs. Browne stated that there was no bruise on the boy's body, and no mark whatsoever around his throat, but that his neck had obviously been broken.

PV recovered the body of Woodrow Samuels for the above reasons. Isaac Samuels went to the District Attorney's office Tuesday and demanded that an immediate investigation be made of the circumstances surrounding his son's death, and that pending that investigation, an autopsy be performed. Woodrow Samuels may have been a parolee, he may have been guilty of the alleged robbery charge, but, he is entitled to the full benefit of the law. If his rights are denied the rights of the entire community become gravely endangered.

FABLES —by Don Burr

"He's afraid of catching athletes' foot!"

Doxey Wilkerson Now In CP Education Dept.

WASHINGTON—Doxey A. Wilkerson, professor of education at Howard University since 1935, and education specialist in the Office of Price Administration, announced his resignation from Howard last Saturday to accept permanent employment in the education program of the Communist Party of the United States.

Wilkerson, who has been on leave from Howard serving in the OPA Department of Information for the past year, declared that he had joined the Communist Party at this time because he was convinced that was the best way to devote his maximum efforts as a civilian to the promotion of the nation's war effort and that he hoped that his move would help strengthen the home front against the ever-mounting attacks of pro-axis defeatist forces in the country.

From 1937 to 1940, Wilkerson was the National Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers and for several years served as President of the Howard Teachers Union. During his

His new work will be with the Maryland District of the Columbia District of the CP.

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Calling America: Which City Next?

It is evident that the Axis is planning an invasion of America. Hitler's pattern as used in Europe and especially the Lowlands is carefully being reproduced here in America. American Fascists must be definitely taking their orders from the Nazis and they are working in such close cooperation. The national outbreak of race rioting and lynch law completely supports every objective of the Axis and denies every principle of Democracy.

The only difference between World War I and World War II is that the rioters at least had the decency to wait until after the previous war had concluded. Today the blood-thirsty pack of downhill cowards cannot wait. The list of cities in which the riots occurred during the past two weeks is almost unbelievable—LOS ANGELES, DETROIT, MOBILE, NEWARK, CAMP STEWART, CHESTER, BEAUMONT, CALLING AMERICA! WHICH CITY NEXT?

The F.B.I. has done a good job in rounding up foreign saboteurs. It has distinctly failed its mission as regards domestic Fascists. It is high time that it busied itself—if it isn't already too late. If they had spent half the time they used on rounding up crackpot Negro nationalists in rounding up perverted Klu Kluxers, Christian Frontiers, and Coughlinites, then there wouldn't be any riots in America today. Our government has been mysteriously soft-hearted in dealing with the big-time Fifth Columnists of America. The race riots of the past few weeks must be laid directly at the doorstep of the government's failure to wipe out American Nazis even if citizens.

Roosevelt is playing politics too much. The South is being handled with a kid glove. The northern representatives of Southernism are being allowed to have their own way. It is time the President of the United States stopped phony investigations of lynchings, police brutality, maltreatment of black soldiers, mob law and got down to business. The Attorney General of the United States and the head of the F.B.I., if they are really serious about this and are given a clear-cut go-ahead signal from the White House can clean up America's brand of Fascism in short order.

IN THE MEANTIME NEGRO MORALE ACCELERATES ITS DOWNHILL PROGRESS.

WHAT WILL THE NEGRO TROOPS FROM BEAUMONT, TEXAS, THINK WHEN THEY READ OF THE DEVASTATION OF THEIR HOMES AND THE BEATING OF THEIR LOVED ONES?

THE QUESTION THAT NOW CONCERNS US IS NOT—WILL WE WIN THE PEACE, BUT WILL WE WIN THE WAR, AND IF SO, WHICH ONE?—ABROAD OR AT HOME?

John Clayton

Suicide, Cops Claim. But Was It:

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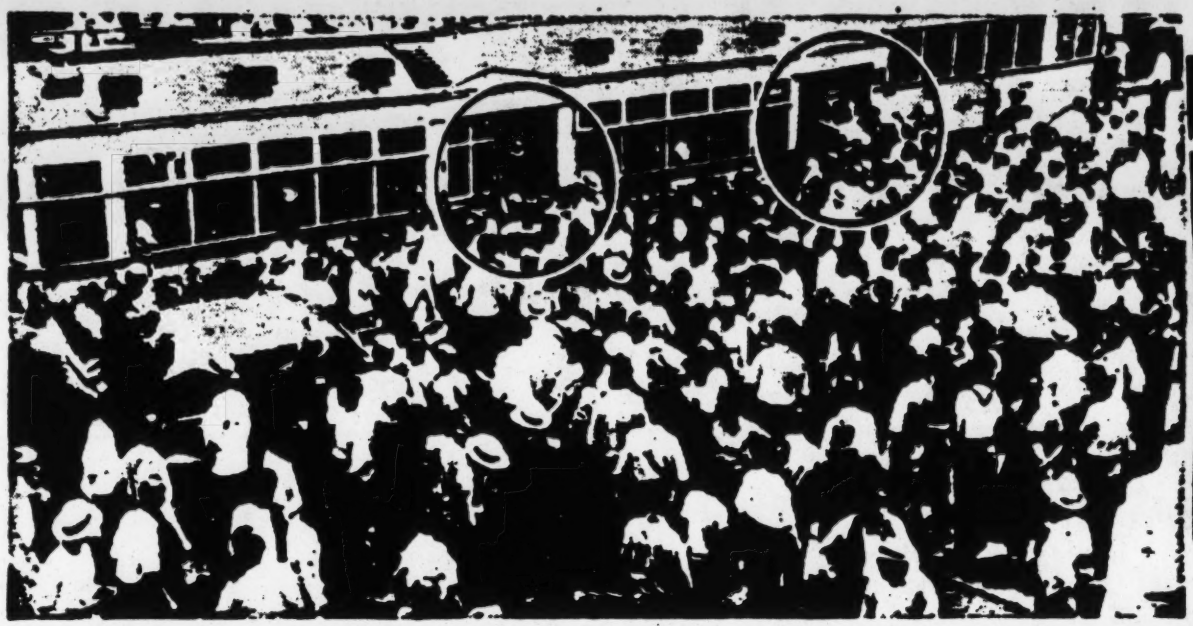
Arsenal of Democracy Becomes Caldron Of Hell As White Mobs and Police Aid Hitler in Mobbing Negroes

Story and another Photo on Page 3



AN EXCITED, MILLING MOB of whites stops a trolley car in downtown Detroit during the race riots that have resulted in at least 23 deaths and brought the list of injured to more than 700. A Negro passenger is being hit on the head with a club as he leaves from the front door of the car while a colored woman emerges fearfully from the center. (International Soundphoto)

WHITE RIOTERS BEAT A NEGRO whom they have just pulled off a street car during the height of the race rioting in Detroit. At least 1000 persons are being held for assault and disturbing the peace. (International Soundphoto)

RIOT, OR POLICE VICTIMS? WHICH?

THE DEAD

Billy Hardges, 27, Negro, shot by police who said he was looting.
Robert Davis, 20, Negro, shot by police.
Carl Singleton 19, Negro, shot by police.
Anderson Ford, 42, Negro, shot by police.
Ray James Jackson, Negro, shot by Police.
Samuel Johnson, 27, Negro, held to death from cuts which police said he suffered while smashing a window.
J. W. Wright, Negro, shot by police.
Marvin Rich, 24, Negro, shot by police.
Ernest James, 24, Negro, shot by police.
Mrs. Carrie Hackworth, 32, Negro, killed by flying brick.
Fred Latheon, 24, shot.
Bishop Bass, 24, Negro shot by police.
Charles E. Grundy, Negro, shot by another Negro according to police report.
Moss Kinnick, 24, Negro, shot by police.
Unidentified Negro, shot in gun fight with police.
Unidentified Negroes, shot by police.
Unidentified Negro, shot in rioting.
Unidentified Negro, found at rear of store, apparently killed by blow on the head.
Unidentified Negro, circumstances of death undetermined.
John Frolinch, 42, white, found on street shot through the chest.
Dr. Joseph DeMarcellis, white, found fatally injured in his automobile in riot district.
John Regan, 27, white, run down by hit-run car.

Diner Refuses Service To Soldier; ICC Acts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A complaint has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Illinois Central Railroad Co. for refusing to serve breakfast to Cpl. Branch C. Atkinson of Camp Atterbury in Indiana. NAACP attorneys prepared the complaint.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has notified the railroad company of the complaint, and has called upon the company to answer the charges and to advise the commission "as to the general practice of your company in connection with the furnishing of equal accommodations to persons of the colored race."

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30 Organizations Meet; To Combat Job Bias

Under the chairmanship of Frieda Miller, former New York State Industrial Commissioner, repesentatives of 30 organizations interested in expanding employment opportunities for minority groups, met at the American Common, 40 E. 40 st, Wednesday, to form a permanent Council on Fair Employment Practice.

Purpose of the merging was to coordinate efforts of separate agencies to strengthen elimination of discriminatory industrial employment practices as an antidote to the enemy's "divide and conquer" technique. Delegates from Negro, Jewish, German-American, Italian-American alien, various church organizations and social agencies participated. Functions outlined for the Council are: clearance of programs and information; distribution of information to participating agencies, and stimulation of intelligent contacts with war employers to eliminate employment discrimination.

The Council will work in close cooperation with the regional office of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THE PEOPLE'S VOICE
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published at New York City)
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

Further reference is made to my memorandum of July 2, 1943, transmitting copies of articles which have appeared in the publication, "The People's Voice." You will recall that in your memorandum of July 12, 1943, you indicated that the Criminal Division is presently considering this newspaper as well as other similar publications in an effort to determine whether the articles and material featured in this segment of the press are sufficient to warrant prosecution under the Sedition Statutes.

In this connection I am transmitting for your further information photostatic copies of eleven articles appearing in the June 26, 1943, issue of the paper which have come to our attention.

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To the Honorable Members of the
City Council
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New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

One of your members, Adam C. Powell, is demanding a Council investigation of individuals and groups said to be stirring up racial feeling in New York City.

Powell is a notorious demagogue. You ought to know that by now. Most of us here in Harlem have known it for years. He doesn't give a hoot in hell for colored people. He's thinking only of himself, of his political future. He would like nothing better than to provoke trouble between the two races in New York City. He wouldn't care how many of our skulls were cracked, how many homes and stores were plundered, if out of any such outbreak of violence he could emerge as our self-proclaimed leader.

If Powell were on the level, he'd ask you to set up a committee to investigate his own activities. He's doing more than a dozen Ku Klux Klans to provoke race riots in New York.

If you don't believe this, read his Communist-controlled weekly, The People's Voice. This radical paper is kept going with Communist funds. For a time Powell and his henchmen vigorously denied this. Now no one makes any effort to conceal it. The paper is daringly printed in the Communist plant of The Daily Worker.

This paper is the brain child of Dr. Max Yergan, an avowed Communist, who two years ago was ousted from the faculty of City College for his Communist teachings. At first Yergan remained in the background of The People's Voice. Now he sees no reason to hide his connection. He is boldly listed on the paper's masthead as treasurer, and no issue of the paper goes to press until he and Powell approve the treatment and handling of every story.

General manager is a Communist imported from Chicago last January when The People's Voice seemed headed for the financial rocks. Her name is Thyra Edwards, and she's on the job every day to see that the Communist Party's policies are properly reflected in the paper.

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Rounding out the paper's executive committee with Powell, Yergan and Miss Edwards is Charles Buchanan, manager of the notorious Savoy Ballroom which was closed recently by the police on the complaint of the Army and Navy that hundreds of soldiers and sailors contracted venereal diseases from prostitutes they picked up in the Savoy. Buchanan is merely a stooge for the radical Powell, Yergan and the Edwards woman. He put up some of the money with which the paper was started, and he is continued as one of the executives because he's perfectly harmless and because he's good window dressing. He is supposed to be close to the masses in Harlem because of his Savoy connection.

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From the beginning The People's Voice, under Powell's editorship, has sought to convince us that white people are our natural enemies. The police are pictured as

Cossacks; as grafting drunks. That goes for Negro cops, too. If they handle a Harlem mugger a bit roughly, they are accused of assaulting a poor, innocent, law-abiding colored man. Business men are pictured as grasping shylocks. Landlords are accused of exploiting Negro tenants. Public officials are portrayed as U. S. agents of Hitler.

Every effort is made to make us discontented. Every effort is made to persuade us to take matters into our own hands. The paper openly urges us to commit treason against the United States because we are discriminated against in the Army, the Navy and in war plants.

Don't take my word for this. Just read this summary of Powell-inspired stories printed in recent issues of his People's Voice:-

June 26 (page one) - Superimposed on a map of the United States showing cities in which Powell claims there have been racial uprisings in recent weeks is the word RIOTS in four-inch flaming red type. New York is listed with Detroit, Los Angeles, Beaumont, Tex., Newark, Chester, Pa., and several Southern cities as places where race riots have been staged recently. Could this be an invitation to Powell's followers to start something here? Or could Powell have just been hoping that by the time his paper came out the recent trouble in Detroit would have spread here?

Do you know of any recent incident involving Negroes in New York that would justify Powell in listing this city as the scene of racial disturbances?

In the same issue on page two is a three-column headline, "Suicide, Cops Claim, But Was It"? The story claims that the paper is checking what it calls a "hush hush" of a recent police station suicide of a colored man arrested for robbery. But it is nothing more than a subtle attempt to make it appear that the robber, a convict on parole, had been murdered by the police of the West 123rd Street station.

What a fine idea to plant into the minds of Powell's hot-headed followers at a critical time like this!

June 19 (page one) - "Tension High at Camp Stewart. Soldier's Wife Beaten by M. P." says a headline splashed all over the front page. Nowhere in the story is the name of the colored woman given, which makes it sound like a manufactured yarn. What responsible newspaper would feature a story like this without naming the victim?

On page three of the same issue Powell is quoted as having demanded the impeachment of Mayor LaGuardia at a wild rally in Madison Square Garden June 7 attended by "20,000 persons." The Mayor incurred Powell's wrath because he gave his approval to Stuyvesant Town, post-war housing project of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. which will bar Negro tenants.

Only an ingrate and a professional troublemaker would attempt to turn New York's Negroes against Mayor LaGuardia after all the Mayor has done for our people.

June 12 (page one) - "K K K Rides Again in New York, Newark and Detroit" proclaims a bright red scare heading on the front page. Read the story and you find that the only basis for the claim that the Klan is active in New York is the Metropolitan's decision to exclude us from Stuyvesant Town. We're not permitted in Parkchester either. Nor are we allowed to live in the Waldorf Towers. But that doesn't mean the Klan rules New York.

It is a tribute to the good sense of Harlem's Negro masses that they did not run riot, as Powell undoubtedly hoped they would, when he waved the despised K K K flag in their faces.

On page five of this issue, in a signed editorial, Powell openly calls the Mayor a "traitor" and lists him with a number of other public officials accused of being "subversive."

May 15 (page three) - "Harlem Woman Beaten, Attacked by 3 Men in 42nd St. Hotel" runs a three-column head. The victim, a colored maid in the Holland Hotel, was said to have been treated for her injuries at Roosevelt Hospital. The story mentioned no police action; not even a routine investigation. Not a line about the assault appeared in any subsequent issue of the paper. Anyone who knows Powell must be certain that he would never allow an issue like this to peter out if it were true. It is a fair conclusion, therefore, that the yarn was inspired by Powell's fanatical desire to arouse us against the "lily-white" police.

May 22 (page one) - A brilliant scarlet heading occupying the whole of the front page announces "369th to Leave Georgia Hell-Hole." When you stop to consider that the 369th Regiment is our own National Guard outfit, you can readily understand Powell's motive in playing up this story. He wanted to make us hopping mad that our home-town boys had been kicked around in the deep South. But there was nothing in the story printed on page three to justify the characterization of "hell-hole" for the 369th's Camp Stewart base. Some of the soldiers, the story ran, had written home complaining about the "unspeakable conditions" at the camp, but not a word in the story about what the "unspeakable conditions" were. Maybe some of our former zoot suiters objected to K. P.

May 8 (page one) - "People's Voice Exposes Vice and Filth in Downtown Dance Halls" screams a front-page heading in bright red type ranging from one inch to three inches.

The expose, appearing on page three, was provoked by the closing of the Savoy Ballroom, operated by Powell's newspaper partner, Charles Buchanan. The closing of the Savoy was ordered by the police, with the approval of the courts, when it was proved that the ballroom was the headquarters of a gang of Harlem prostitutes. For years most of the respectable people of Harlem have known this. Powell was aware of it, too.

The article on the downtown dance halls, as degenerate and disgusting as anything that has ever appeared in print, charged openly that sex perversion is prevalent on the floor of midtown dance halls.

In a signed editorial on page 16 of the same issue, Powell claimed that the Savoy closing "reeks with corruption". He added that "there is hardly a place of amusement in Harlem that does not meet with an attempt at a police shake-down regularly."

Back of the shutting down of the ballroom, he charged, was an attempt on the part of the police to prevent Negroes and whites from fraternizing in public. He insisted that no one was going to "stop the mixing of races in New York." He urged every Harlem jitterbug and Savoy follower to storm downtown dance halls, and he offered to put on his "zoot" suit and "lead the parade."

What if thousands of foolish Harlem dancers, bent on showing their disapproval of the Savoy closing, had attempted to pack midtown dance halls! Mid-Manhattan

would certainly have been turned into a racial battleground, but that would hardly have disturbed Powell. That's what he wants.

March 27 (page one) - "N. Y. City Dailies Smear Harlem as Crime Center" said a flaming head crowding everything else off the front page.

The story railed at the metropolitan press for taking cognizance of the outbreak of mugging in Harlem streets. It was obviously an attempt to discredit New York's daily newspapers and the police, and to convince Harlem's masses that the newspapers and the authorities are arrayed against them.

Now, I know hundreds of decent Harlem people who are in dread fear of being mugged when they go out at night. They want New York's newspapers to expose crime conditions here. They want more policemen here. They want to improve conditions in Harlem .... and they know the best way to do it is through publicity.

In the same issue in a five-column box spread across the bottom of page one the following appeared:

"It is reported from a usually reliable source that many of the police in Harlem's increased force are working without pay for the extra time spent in Harlem's streets. This condition is startlingly reminiscent of Southern vigilantism. Vigilantes were used through the South in an inspired program of race terrorism and intimidation."

Could any invitation be clearer for Harlem hoodlums to rise up in arms against the police who were pictured by Powell as being willing to spend their time off in Harlem for the sheer joy of beating us up?

March 20 (page one) - "Subway Police 'Mug' Young Harlem School Girl, 15" proclaimed a five-column headline on the front page. Powell screams to high heaven when the New York dailies use the word "mug" in describing the tactics employed by Negro hoodlums, but he doesn't hesitate to employ it in his own paper, if he feels that he can put the police in a bad light.

A careful reading of the story shows that a special patrolman in the Independent Subway had sought to curb a rowdy high school girl who was cutting up on a crowded subway platform. When she resisted, he pushed her into the ladies' washroom until the disturbance blew over. That's what Powell calls "mugging" when he tries to build up sympathy for the victim.

I could go on indefinitely citing stories from Powell's paper to show that his sole purpose is to arouse our people against whites and persuade us to take matters into our own hands. But from the evidence I have already given you, you ought to be convinced.

Certainly Powell wants an investigation of alleged attempts to create racial disturbances in New York City. Such an investigation would give this reckless, race-conscious demagogue an opportunity to exploit us across page one of every daily newspaper. No one would be spared his acid tongue. Decent people of both races would be hailed before him for questioning at public hearings. It would be a Roman holiday for New York's No. 1 bigot. Not even you Councilmen would be spared if you disagreed with him. If you objected to his line of questioning, he'd tear

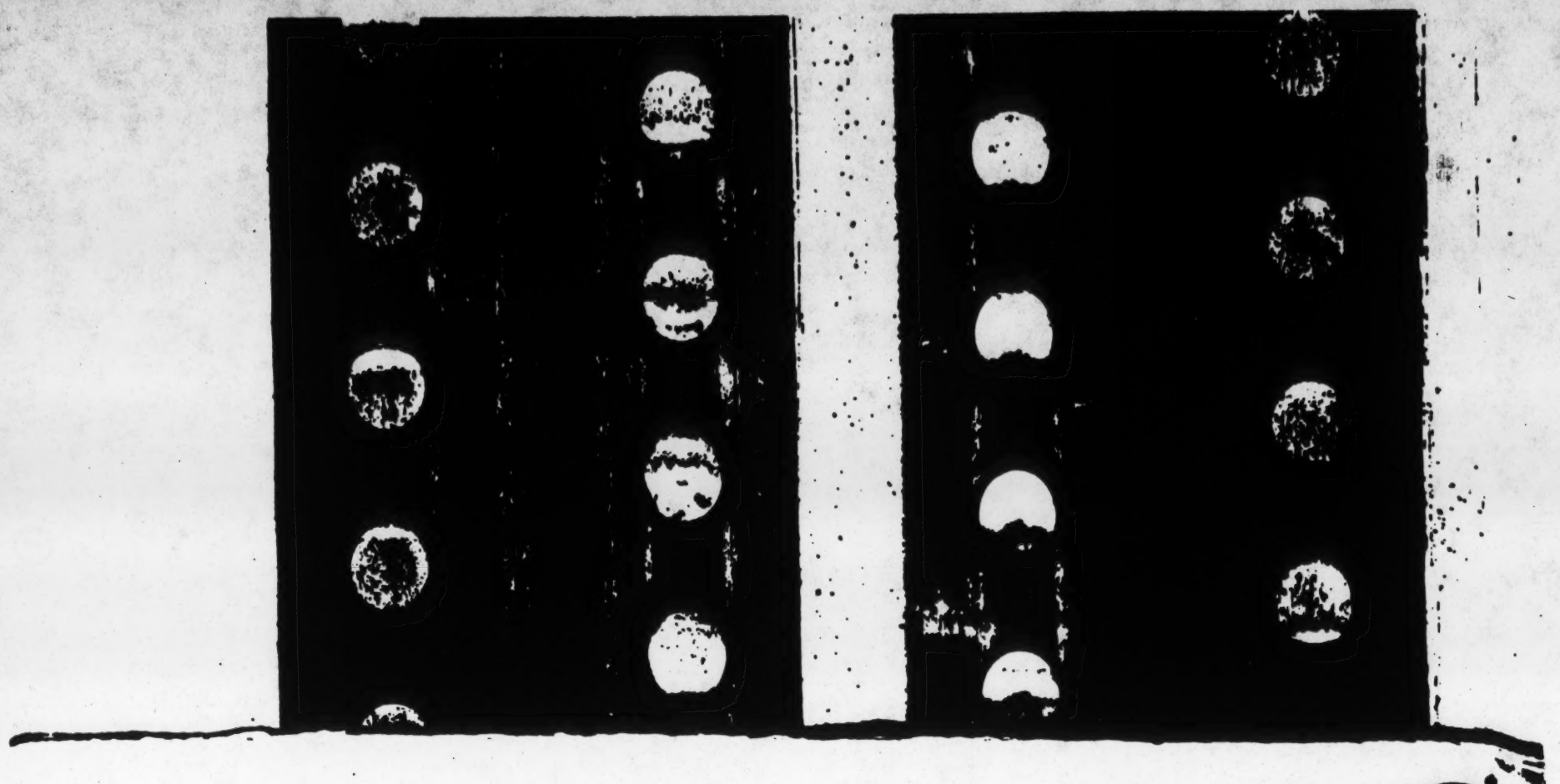
into you just as savagely as he would the K K K and accuse you of race prejudice. He would pin the tag of Fascist on you just as he has on everyone, Negro or white, who disagrees with him. Go through the back files of his paper and see how many respectable people have been labeled 'Fascists.'

There are no racial disorders in New York City except in Powell's fickle and distorted mind. But if you give him an opportunity to crucify police officials before a Council investigating committee and subject them to his abuse, you'll provoke racial attacks as sure as there's an election next November.

If you members of the Council have the interests of the Negro at heart, you'll toss the Hart resolution into the wastebasket where it belongs, and let the voters of Harlem return Powell to his desecrated pulpit next Fall.

Yours very truly,

A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF POWELL



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RE: PEOPLE'S VOICE (NEGRO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER)
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are clippings taken from the July 3 and July 17, 1943 issues of the above-captioned newspaper published weekly in New York City.

Among other clippings of interest, your attention is particularly called to an article appearing in the July 17 issue entitled "Mount Vernon American Labor Party Demands Ouster of the Detroit FBI Head." It is noted that this paper continually publishes letters allegedly received from members of the Armed Forces in which are set out instances of race discrimination. This paper has also been very critical of the Detroit Police Department in their handling of the Detroit riot and ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR., editor of the paper, in an open statement stated that if a riot broke out in New York City, it would be because of the action of Mayor Laguardia and Chief of Police Valentine of this city.

Similar clippings as enclosed are being retained for the files of the New York Office. In the future the Bureau will be furnished clippings of interest taken from this newspaper.

Very truly yours,

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MOW Explains Move Barring All Whites

After a sharp criticism by PV of the March On Washington (MOW) stand excluding membership of white people, Pauline E. Myers, National Executive Secretary granted an interview in which she explained MOW's position.

She said the matter of membership by white was submitted to its branches for consideration and was voted upon at their convention. She said although the membership is closed to white people, many of their projects are interracial.

"Many of the problems we face are commun[illegible] problems", she explain[illegible] problem of jimcro[illegible] liarly one for the [illegible]

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"We will w[illegible]h all organizations, Negro or white, that are working toward an end common to ours, but the problem of ji[illegible] peculiar to the Negroes and responsibility and initiative must be encouraged. White membership might distract from this sense of special responsibility," she explained.

The MOW's three major projects that are interracial are as follows:

- non - violent - goodwill - direct - action as a strategy for dealing with the problem of jimcro;
- project in behalf of a free Africa and a free Caribbean;
- conference to safeguard FEPC.

Miss Myers said the difference between MOW and other Negro organizations was that their purposes and work were common to all minority people, whereas MOW's fundamental purpose and work was to combat jimcro and segregation.

Commenting on Editor Powell's criticism, she said she liked differences of opinion on the question of barring white people from membership, but she did not see how Randolph had departed from what he formerly stood for.

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Woman Beaten By Policeman Dismissed On 'Disorderly' Rap

The "disorderly conduct" charge against Miss Lillian Fernandez, Brooklyn beauty shop owner, was dismissed in Brooklyn Pennsylvania ave. court last week, but the Negro Labor Victory Committee and the Afro-Protective League of Brooklyn do not consider the case closed.

Miss Fernandez was arrested and jailed June 26 after she protested to a police officer about the statement made by a white automobile driver involved in an accident that all Negroes should be lined up by a hitler firing squad and shot.

BEAT HER

Before the policeman made the arrest, he beat Miss Fernandez, then handcuffed her and took her to jail where she was held in $500 bail on the disorderly conduct charge.

Both the Afro League and the Negro Labor Victory Committees will pursue the case further.

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Mount Vernon ALP Demands Ouster of Detroit FBI Head

The Independent American Labor Party Club of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is circulating a petition asking for the formation of a House Inter-racial Affairs Committee to investigate the causes of national unrest such as those leading to the recent Detroit riots.

The petition also asks the replacing of John S. Bugas, Federal Bureau of Investigation head in the Detroit area because of public statements the latter made attributing the outbursts to spontaneous mob violence, despite evidence placed in his hands by the United Auto Workers, the Civil Liberties Federation, the NAACP and other groups, showing that organized inciters to race riots and other sinister forces have long made Detroit their center.

At the last meeting of the club held June 24, the "Stake of the Negro in the War" was discussed, with Horace Carter the guest speaker.

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting:

- the demand for unconditional and equal citizenship for Negro Americans;
- the banishing of jimcro;
- full and equal participation of Negroes in producing and fighting for victory;
- immediate passage of the anti-poll tax bill;
- no jimcro in any proposed local housing projects;
- an end to race conflicts arising out of inequality and discrimination and fostered by fifth columnists and Ku Kluxers.

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Report To People:

Strong Inter-Race Unity Will Keep Riots from N.Y.

Last Sunday afternoon 4,000 people, Negro and white, attended the Golden Gate Ballroom here for the serious business of maintaining and strengthening Democracy by clearing the issues of the hour, creating greater interracial solidarity and announcing a plan for tightening the racial forces for a new political strategy.

The meeting was sponsored by the Peoples' Committee and the Negro Labor Victory Committee. The audience, much of which was the overflow turned away from the June 7 Madison Square Garden rally, heard Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, jr, make a report on the results of that meeting.

ANNOUNCE PROGRESS

Charles Collins of the Negro Labor Victory Committee reported on his mission to Washington and Detroit and Channing Tobias, of the national YMCA, announced the results of Saturday's meeting of leading organizations at Bordentown, Pa.

Langston Hughes' dramatic and historical pageant, "Fight for Freedom," was given a repeat performance.

Councilman Powell declared "We stopped Stuyvesant Town," and guaranteed there would not be one brick laid on the project if Negroes were kept out.

In reporting what is being done to offset any possible threat of race riots in New York, Powell said the same elements were present here to create trouble, but the people were not the same as elsewhere.

He explained that since 1930, a strong black and white peoples' movement had grown "that won't stand for any hitlerism in this town."

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REFUGEES FROM INDIA

The nieces of the great Indian leader, Nehru, just after their arrival from India, meet the press with Pearl Buck last Thursday. Nayantra, to Miss Buck's left, is 16. Chandralekha, to the right, 19, was released from British imprisonment at Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's behest.

Nehru's Nieces Speak Out:

Indian Problems British Propaganda Students Say

By LLEWELLYN RANSOM

The arrival of Nayantara and Chandralekha Pandit, nieces of the great Indian Leader Jawaharlal Nehru, in New York last week to attend Wellesly College, was of much greater international significance than the big dailies implied.

The close personal and diplomatic relationship between India and China was demonstrated when it was Madam Chiang Kai-shek who interceded to have Chandralekha released from seven months imprisonment by the British. This brilliant 19-year-old girl is a refugee from British imperialism.

There is a close personal relationship between the Pandit family and the Chiangs. The girls' mother Vijaya Lakmni Pandit, who is the famous beautiful sister of Nehru who held important cabinet positions in the Indian Government, is close to Madam Chiang.

WOUNDED DURING RIOT

On leaving India after a visit last year, the Generalissimo said in a farewell speech: "I venture to suggest to my brethren people in India that this most critical moment in the history of civilization, that our two peoples should unite themselves to the utmost in the cause of freedom for all mankind, for only in a free world could the Chinese and Indian peoples obtain their freedom. Furthermore, should freedom be denied to either China or India, there could be no real international peace."

DOUBT BRITISH INTENT

Answering questions on the so-called Moslem-Hindu conflict the girls said: "We are Indians before we are Hindus or Moslems." On the same point Chandralekha remarked: "There are hardly any Indian problems except as the British put them out for propaganda." Even more significantly, she said: "If the British walked out tomorrow, we wouldn't be in a worse way."

In expressing the importance of America to the future of India, the older sister said, she doubted that India would be granted her independence if the British have anything to do with it.

When asked how prison life affected her, Chandralekha said it only strengthened her political convictions. They said the number of political prisoners in India fluctuated with a few released at a time, while more are arrested. Their number is estimated to be about 20,000 at present.

CASTE SYSTEM FETTERING

On the caste system, it was brought out that it is clenching off, as India is permitted to industrialize itself. This system, that the British make so much of like the unimportant religious differences, is confined to the southern part of India, and is a part of an ancient feudal system, a condition kept alive by British over-lordship.

Nayantara Pandit, 16, will enter Wellesley as a freshman in September; and Chandralekha will enter as a Junior.

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

It is encouraging to notice that the widespread disgust and indignation produced by the recent so-called "race riots" shows no signs of letting up. These Axis-organized mass murders have burned an unforgettable lesson on the minds of a lot of people who may have felt a false security before they saw the bloody, beaten faces of innocent people staring at them from the pages of their morning newspaper. More than ever before, the common, decent people of America can understand that the KKK is Hitlerism and that Hitlerism is just a larger, more efficient and better armed KKK.

The voices of fighting, progressive political leaders, trade union leaders and citizens' committees are joining in an angry storm against the rotten Fascists who brazenly sabotage the People's War right under our very noses.

ORGANIZE PEOPLE'S ANGER

The big job of the trade unions and progressives is to organize this people's anger into the concrete strategy that will encircle and destroy not only the various nightshirt fascist mobs, but will expose and bring to justice the higher-ups who use them to serve hitler's cause.

At every union meeting, in every progressive newspaper, in all the barracks of the armed forces, honest men and women are asking each other, "How can we get the rats who stirred up that trouble? What are their names and how can we get them behind bars where they belong? Why not execute them?"

This demand for action is healthy and urgent. That's why the pressing need is for legislation specifically branding inflammatory appeals to race prejudice and participation in mobs intent on [illegible] racial discord and violence, as crimes punishable either by [illegible] LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Unless this legislation takes the form of FEDERAL law, enforced by Federal officers and tried in Federal c[illegible] the job of dealing with race hating traitors will not be done effectively.

LAWS MERELY GUIDES

The important thing to remember is that the laws, as they are written down on paper, are merely rough guide lines for public [illegible] servants to follow in one direction or another. Which way they go—and how quickly they act— depends entirely on how much pressure they get from the people back home. If the pressure is there, they act right. If the law gets in the way of them acting right, they tear it up and write a new one that does—IF THE PRESSURE IS THERE.

The majority of the members of the present Congress are a bunch of politicians intent upon wrecking every gain made by the people since before the Civil War. The only time they act fast is when it's time to go on vacation, when there's a chance for them to stab at the President—AND WHEN THE PEOPLE PUT PRESSURE ON THEM HOT AND HEAVY! The worst thing they can imagine is that they might lose their jobs and the power and money that we, the people, give them, or that the people might win the war.

But since they have nearly a year and a half to carry out their wrecking plans before the next elections, the thing to do is build a fire under them NOW by going to see them. By sending large delegations from churches, trade unions, fraternal organizations, schools, community welfare organizations and the armed services—delegations that will SPEAK UP AND SAY WHAT WE WANT. That's how you put pressure on cheap politicians. Promise them certain defeat in the next elections if they don't act and act fast. If we do that here in New York, and enough people do it elsewhere, these smoking little pressures won't be able to betray us and the boys on the battlefronts. Of course, it's always a good thing to figure out in advance what to say to these fellows when you get into their offices. (And don't forget! You will get into their offices. They're afraid to keep you out.) And that's what I've been building up to.

NEED FOR ANTI-RIOT LAW

I have a suggestion to pass on to you that was forwarded to me by Louis Ogull, editorial writer for the EAST SIDE NEWS. Following is part of an editorial he wrote for that newspaper:

"Basically, what we need to wipe out race riots is a Federal statute patterned after the Lindbergh Kidnapping law. Hoodlums and Fifth Columnists will think twice about attacking Negroes, Jews and other minorities if the shadow of the electric chair hangs over them."

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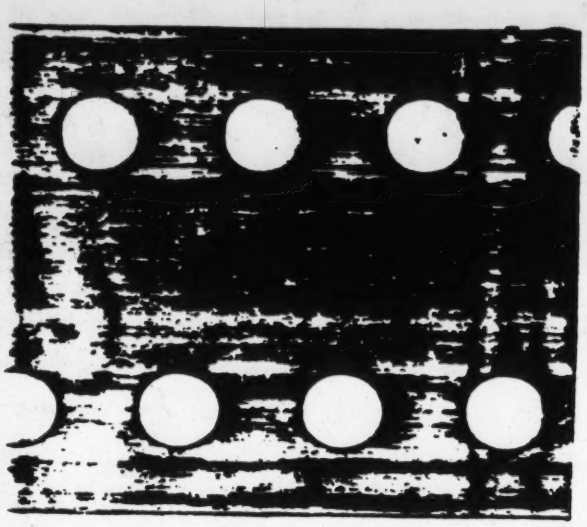

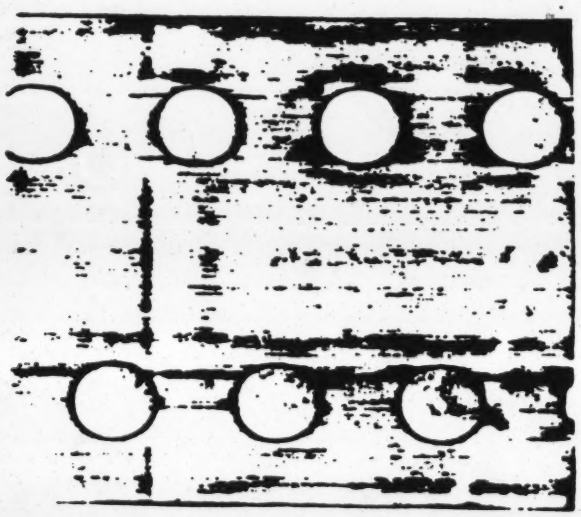

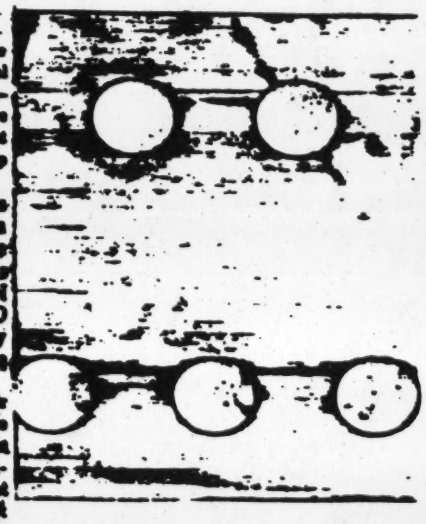

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Edited by LLEWELLYN RANSOM

Asked at the National Maritime Union Convention

Has traveling to foreign countries helped you understand the race problem better?

PRO: *Anne-Marie Nunn, Quota Magazine, N. Y. C.*

TRAVELING AND LIVING in other countries is a definite help in clarifying and understanding the race problem which really is a world problem. I grew up in Norway where there is hardly any. But that does not mean that we were not concerned over the race problems the world is facing today. All progressive people are vitally interested in the fight against discrimination, whether they live in the Scandinavian countries where there is little of it, or in the U.S. where we have riots today. I am glad that I have seen how the vicious fascist doctrine of racial discrimination has worked against the Negroes and Mexicans in America and against the Jews all over Europe. It made me physically sick and unable to sleep while travelling through the South here just as it did in Germany in 1938. I still get nauseated when I read about race riots. To let fascist-minded obstructionists get away with this is disgusting and stupid for a country fighting a war against fascism—especially when the majority of its allies belong to the colored races. There is only one way to stop the anti-democratic prejudices in this country and that is by a law to make racial discrimination a crime. This was effectively done in Russia where discrimination against minorities was a far greater problem than it is here.

CON: *Frederick A. Reed, NMU Ship Carpenter, Sailing on the Booker T. Washington*

THIS THING WE CALL racial discrimination is nothing more than a technique for exploitation. Exploitation is not peculiar to the United States. It is a great human problem all over the world with but two exceptions. These exceptions are found in the Soviet Union and in Soviet China. Those of us who have been sailing for years with various races have never given a thought to discrimination. The only thing we looked at was whether a man was a good ship mate. We never considered the color of his skin. Discrimination was always brought about by ship owners for the purpose of exploitation by dividing the various races and creeds. Captain Hugh Mulzac was never kept off of ships as Master by the seamen but always by the shipowners. When he did finally get a ship, seamen of every race and color tried to sail with him. In 25 years of sailing to every port in the world, I have found exploitation not confined to any one port, or people. Most certainly the people of India, Africa and Asia are as much if not more discriminated against by the exploiting imperialists than the American Negro. By making the mistake of blaming any individual country for discrimination, we lose sight of the fact that this is an international problem of all of the peoples of the world regardless of race, color, or creed.

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MY GOD.....MY PEOPLE

...Ben Richardson...editor...

RELIGIOUS SLAVERY

We are not a free people!

We are not free politically, socially, or economically.

The discrimination practiced against us as a race is but a well-refined form of enslavement.

We are fully conscious of this form of slavery, but there is another—far worse—of which we are not so aware! Negroes are all too often religious slaves and church victims!

We are made to believe things about God, Christ, and the Bible, that not only do not make sense, but which are absolutely untrue and harmful to our racial progress!

THE BIBLE

They tell us that the Bible is a book of supernatural magic—it is a cure-all for all of man's ills. In it are the blue prints for everything that has or ever will come to pass! Every word, they say, is the Word of God. To believe every word of it is life, and to doubt any of it is death and damnation.

This is not so!

The Bible is a book of writings declared to be sacred by men because much of what is written in it concerns man's relation to God. Actually it is not all religious. Much of it is history and poetry. Some parts would save a people—other sections would plunge them into social chaos!

Men wrote it. Some were inspired by one thing, others by another. It is not a book of life and death! To believe it is to gain, and to ignore it is to lose—but the salvation or damnation of the individual does not rest in the Bible any more than it does in other aspects of life.

HEAVEN

They tell us about Heaven with its pearly gates and streets of gold, and its angels flitting around forever. There we will have no sorrow—work or worry—we will feast on milk and honey! It will be an ideal place to spend eternity.

This is a fair picture of what the primitive Hebrew writer thought the next world would be like—but here's the harm:

When we are told to neglect the progress and pleasures of THIS life in anticipation of the bliss of the life to come—we are being woefully deceived. Here is the real truth:

Live this life fully! Get all the joy, health, and wealth you can out of it. Give it all the love and service possible and take from it every iota of success and fortune you desire! Live well in this world and God will take care of the next one.

Nowhere in the Bible do we find its claim to supernaturalness! It is one of many religious books or Bibles. Its ethics are higher than those of other religions for the most part—but to tell Negroes that their destiny is contained in any one book is a false teaching!

My people are to be saved in life and death by the total of their living. They must embrace life on every front—they must work—earn—spend. They must own, play, risk, save, fight, subsume, and speculate.

FOOLED LONG ENOUGH

Too long my people have been victimized by clergymen who are either too lazy, thieving, or stupid to search out the facts, or else whose common sense is consumed by the fire of their zeal.

NEED FOR NEW RELIGION

The New Negro needs a new understanding of his present religion or a brand new one.

We don't need Churches that take all our money and give lip service in return. If a Church has no concrete social and civic program all the loose handing, hand waving and incense swinging cannot justify its existence.

Churches where the people yell, raise a frantic commotion and then go back to the same home conditions, are a waste of our and the Lord's time.

That old and useless tirade about the fires of Hell is no longer needed. We have a pretty good idea about all that right now.

There will always be Hell Fire—on earth so long as preachers, priests, rabbis, and pharisees refuse to face the real challenges of man and God.

The Negro needs a Church, with a gallant, informed ministry which will lead him out of the racial morass he is now in.

He needs a picketing, communal minded, politically aware ministry which will teach, preach, and guide the people in every phase of community living.

In the midst of our cries for social and economic freedom let's raise our voices for Religious Emancipation!

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No Place for Nationalism in Present American Economy

THE ALMOST UNANIMOUS decision of the March-On-Washington movement to bar whites is not only highly regretiable but difficult to understand. It comes at a time when it can do a great disservice not only to the progress of the Negro people but to the winning of the war and the subsequent shape of the post-war world. It is not in keeping with the spirit of the times. It will give the Axis and its allies in America plenty of ammunition.

The March-On-Washington movement made a contribution over a year ago when, along with other organizations, it virtually forced the President to issue Executive Order 8802 which setup the Fair Employment Practice Committee. It is not my purpose to analyse what contributions it has made since then nor to evaluate the present program it is striving to put across. We need as many militant, mass organizations as possible to keep down domestic fascism. Any organization, however, black or white, Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic, that rules out any particular race has no place in the present American economy. That is why we must fight the League For White Supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan and all the other narrow racial organizations. The oldest Negro organization, the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People, has always welcomed and encouraged white support, memberships and contributions. This is as it should be.

It is hard to understand this latest decision of the MOW in view of its leadership. Many of its top leaders come from the trade union movement. It is true they belong to the American Federation of Labor where the black workers have been pushed around. On the other hand, these leaders belong to many of the better AFL unions which do not allow any discrimination such as the International Ladies' Garment Workers and the Laundry Workers. Even in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters there has been a steady drive within the AFL to wipe out all clauses which limit membership on account of race. Then again many of the leaders of the MOW are former Socialists, now connected with the American Labor Party. It was the fundamental tenet of the Socialist Party and is now just as fundamental a postulate of the ALP that there shall be no discrimination on account of race.

In these days, when the lot of black people is particularly bad and our fate hangs precariously in the balance, we need all the help we can get from any individual or group that believes in a full Democracy for all people. In the midst of ONE WORLD no minority is going to survive which will try to live unto itself. Nationalism has always been vicious but black nationalism has always been ridiculous. I believe that Negro mass organizations working for the elevation of black people should be lead, directed and supported IN THE MAIN by black people. No portion of its leadership or direction should be allowed to fall into any other hands than black hands.

The decision of the MOW may have been influenced by the national rioting. The shadows of Detroit may have fallen across the Chicago conference. It is well to point out, though, that standing in the shadows of Detroit there were many whites who fought valiantly to protect Negroes. One young white boy held back a mob from boarding a trolley car. Two young white soldiers rescued a badly beaten Negro and carried him to safety. Three white sailors fought themselves into the center of a mob and rescued a Negro before he had been touched. When the mob leader asked them, "What concern is this to you?" they replied, "We have Negro buddies who fought with us in the South Seas."

The latest action of the MOW represents far from the majority of the opinions of Negro people. The small number of delegates who voted on the proposition indicates this. The vote was 105 to 2.

SINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGES

Miss Gustava McCurdy, young lyric soprano of New York and Chicago, launches her first southern concert tour with a recital at Shaw University in North Carolina, on Monday, July 12. With Jonathan Brice as her accompanist, Miss McCurdy will sing programs of classics and spirituals at the principal colleges and universities in N. C., before returning to New York City where she will resume preparations for her fall concert appearances. Last week, the vivacious young singer made a guest appearance at the famous Stage Door Canteen on Broadway where she was cheered for her renditions of "The Year's at the Spring" and "Mah Little Lindy Lou."

NAACP Probe of Detroit Riots Hinged On News Photos of Hoodlums in Action

DETROIT—Information and recommendations growing out of the NAACP investigation of the June 21-23 riots were presented to Governor Kelly last week when Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, completed his report here, July 7.

The investigation which concluded with the beginning of the arrest of some of the white rioters who had been identified by newspaper pictures began on June 24, the Thursday following the outbreak.

Lawyers for the NAACP opened an emergency office in the YMCA, two private investigators from New York firms were brought to Detroit by the Association.

They spent ten days running down leads and investigating all complaints. One of the detectives was white and the other, A. R. Owens, a Negro. Every story, letter, and telephone call has been checked.

Many of the leads, the NAACP said, have turned out to be rumors. Several Negroes were afraid to give statements and for that reason many of the stories have not been included in the report. Only statements supported by affidavits are being used, Marshall said.

The report to Governor Kelly will include a background picture of the riot and recommendations which have been prepared by Walter White, NAACP executive secretary. White reiterated the thirteen recommendations that he recently made to President Roosevelt.

Governor Kelly appointed Hon. Charles Mahoney of Detroit who is a member of the Michigan Labor Commission to receive all the complaints of Negroes concerning the riot.

Working with the Wolverine Bar Association and the legal staff of the Detroit branch, several worthy cases have been taken of innocent young Negroes who were convicted on the day following the trial and sentenced to 90 days.

Motions for new trials have been made on the ground that these Negroes were held incommunicado and were not permitted to contact either family or lawyers before they were tried.

FEPC Pledges To Aid Americans In War Effort

WASHINGTON—Pledging "to give every industrial American a chance to serve his country," the newly appointed Committee on Fair Employment Practices adjourned its first meeting here last Wednesday.

The first action of the committee was to agree to set up 12 regional offices and to proceed with cases involving charges of discrimination on Southern railroads, war industries in Detroit, and the Capital Transit Co. here. The railroad hearing was scheduled for Sept. 15, 16 and 17 and dates for hearings on the other cases will be set as soon as it appears that efforts to settle

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TURNER CATLEDGE, writing in last week's *New York Times* reports that Negroes, in order to prevent trouble in Chicago, are enforcing "voluntary segregation."

First, I do not believe this.

Second, if true, it marks the final step downward in the decline of the Chicago Negro.

No sane individual or group wants race rioting anywhere. Such a radical step backward as "voluntary segregation" is not needed to avert riots. In the framework of our present way of life there are plenty of steps that can be taken to avert racial friction. The National Urban League's analysis of the Detroit riot recommended certain definite steps to avert disturbances. These steps can be applied in any American city, large or small, north or south.

Chicago Negroes have disintegrated in recent years. At one time Chicago was the capital of Afro-America. Today it is a second class Negro center. The "break-through" that Negroes made in employment years ago has been aborted by the highly restrictive covenants which have formed a virtual wall around Bronzeville.

The Negro in Chicago, when he steps beyond the walls of his ghetto, finds many situations comparable to the Negro in the deep South. He is refused admittance to downtown spots and even the bathing beach which is within a short walk of the Negro section has a sign on it—one side for whites and one side for Colored.

The truth of it is that Chicago lacks real dynamic leadership around which the people can rally. In fact this is a lack felt in nearly all American cities. It is particularly noticeable in Chicago because of its vast progress up until 1930. The greatest sore-spot today is the housing situation. The Negro in New York has broken out of his ghetto. Sixty thousand live on the "Hill." One hundred seventy thousand Negroes live outside of Manhattan within New York City's confines. Our rents are still too high. Nevertheless, they have not increased during past years. We have an effective tenants' league.

In Chicago, on the other hand, there is not one residential building comparable to one better class apartment house in Harlem. Yet the scale of rent in Chicago is much higher than that in New York. I have seen old brownstone houses with a two burner stove in the corner of each room rented out as "kitchenette apartments" at forty dollars a month. This is not the exception but the rule.

The truth of it is that Chicago would not have to go very far to impose a pattern of "voluntary segregation" upon itself. By its own indifference and apathy it has done so already.

Chicago has the makings of a good, strong peoples' movement. It is politically astute; better off financially than other centers, owns large churches; possesses a well educated professional group; sympathetic whites are right at hand in civic, trade union and educational groups. All it needs is a sense of unity to come of age plus dynamic leadership. One clear voice sounding the clarion call can easily catapult Chicago back to its position of pre-eminence, excepting New York. We are in the lead in New York and we mean to stay there.

Cleveland NNC Sponsors Unity Victory Meeting

The next in the series of unity meetings sponsored by local councils of the National Negro Congress in the east and mid-west, will be held by the Cleveland Council at the Cleveland Music Hall on Sunday, July 18.

Co-sponsors of the meeting will be the Cleveland AFL and CIO; Youth for a Free World and the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP. Speakers scheduled to appear include Dr. Max Yergan, president, NNC; Cleveland's Mayor Lauche; George F. Addes, international secretary-treasurer, United Automobile Workers, CIO; Rev. Horace White; and Judge Perry Jackson.

OTHER MEETINGS

Designed "to weld a unity of democratic forces which will resist the ku klux klan and other fifth column instigation of racial outbreaks," the meetings were projected at the recent NNC conference on the *Problems of the War and the Negro People in Detroit.*

The first of the meetings was held in Chicago under the auspices of the Chicago council on June 27. Speakers at the meeting included Edward E. Strong, national secretary of the NNC; Ernest DeMaio, general vice-president, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO; Frazier T. Lane, Chicago Urban League; Earl B. Dickerson; Rev. A. A. Watts, pastor, Greater Bethesda Baptist Church; and Ishmael P. Flory, international representative, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The key demand of the meeting was "outlaw the klan and other pro-fascist organizations."

The following day a mass rally was held in Milwaukee, Wis., to show disapproval of the Detroit insurrection against American democracy and the war effort. Speakers at that time were James W. Dorsey, president of the Milwaukee NAACP; Thomas White, president of the Wisconsin CIO Council; Mr. Strong, and William V. Kelley, executive secretary of the Milwaukee Urban League.

PV One Year Ago

(Issue of July 18, 1942)

● *Willie Vinson was snatched from his hospital bed by a mob of angry white people in Texarkana, Texas, on July 12, dragged outside the city limits and hanged. Vinson had been tentatively identified by a white woman who said he had attempted to rape her.*

● *Aroused by the continual refusal of defense contractors in Los Angeles to hire Negroes despite the President's executive order, hundreds of women stormed the Employment Service office on July 13 while a committee from the Negro Victory Committee conferred with USES.*

● *On the sports front Sammy Angott won a split-decision victory over Bob Montgomery in a 12-rounder in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, July 14.*

Survey Finds Workers Incomes Still Low

WASHINGTON — (FP) — With the exception of workers in war industries, U. S. wage earners are not making enough to keep a family of four in health under wartime conditions, the AFL Labor's Monthly Survey declares in its current June-July issue.

Out of 47,673,000 persons employed in industry, only the 6,677,000 in heavy machinery and war industries received an average income in 1942 equal to the $2,500 considered necessary for a family of four, the survey said.

In addition, labor has been losing in its battle to keep abreast of rising costs of living since 1939. It has been gaining less than other groups. From 1939 to 1942, the average full time yearly income of industrial workers, because of overtime and longer hours, increased 37%; average farm income rose 134%; profits of unincorporated businesses rose 51% and profits of corporations rose 66%. In many cases corporation profits have risen much higher.

James Weldon Johnson Houses For Lower Harlem

The proposed post-war housing project to be located at Park ave. and 112th st., will be named the James Weldon Johnson Houses, in memory of the great educator, poet and composer who died in 1938 in an automobile accident. This announcement was made last week by the NYC Housing Authority.

Robert J. Reiley, Harry M. Prince and Julian Whittlesey have been chosen as the architects for the project.

Pennsy RR Executive Says "We Don't Jimcro"—Oh No?

"It is not the policy of the Pennsylvania railroad to discriminate against any passenger, whatever his color, in this state." Thus in unequivocal terms did C. G. Pennington, Passenger Traffic Manager of the line in New York lay down the road's policy to City Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, jr, at a conference last week. Present at the conference were Pennington, Powell, Joseph Ford, Secretary of the People's Committee; a *PV* reporter and another executive of the railroad's traffic division.

Harlem, to say nothing of the country at large was stunned three weeks ago when a reporter for this newspaper revealed that many trains leaving Pennsylvania station for the South were operating on a dixie-styled jimcro basis. The investigation by the reporter revealed that the procedure was to sell reservations in the "jimcro" car to all Negroes buying tickets on the various streamliners for the Southland.

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, jr., attempted to discern whether or not these ticket sellers were carrying out a policy laid down by the "front office." Accordingly, Mr. Powell arranged a conference with Pennsylvania's chief executive in the traffic department for New York, C. G. Pennington. Without mincing words, the Councilman asked for a clear-cut statement of official policy in regards to Negro passengers.

Pennington made the definite statement that Pennsylvania's policy was one of non-discrimination.

However, Mr. Pennington did admit that ticket sellers were instructed to offer Negro passengers tickets in the jimcro car to obviate the inconveniences of changing cars in the nation's capital, where segregation takes the throttle, for the trip further South.

Councilman Powell queried the traffic executive as to why the railroad didn't take the positive stand in the matter, viz: selling the reservation thru to the destination on ALL the cars rather than only making any car available AS FAR AS WASHINGTON.

The answer to that one was the familiar hedge that the Pennsylvania railroad had no influence on the policies of other railroads operating out of the station.

Pennington did assure Councilman Powell that if any case of segregation was reported to his office, the offending employee would be PROMPTLY DISCIPLINED.

At least he is on the right track—the democratic one.

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Maritime Union Convention Sets Wartime Pattern

The upper floors of Manhattan Center in mid-town New York hummed with activity last week while the National Maritime Union's Fourth Constitutional Convention unfolded a pattern for American race relations, America at war and labor in progress.

Two hundred delegates, representing not only 63,000 seamen who have made a major contribution to the winning of the war, but also every main, labor and location on the globe, planned resolutions reaffirming their support to President Roosevelt and urging him to investigate and prosecute fifth columnists who are engaged in a planned program to divide the people, obstruct production and lose the war.

PUSSY FOOTING OUT

President Joseph E. Curran in his opening remarks to the convention declared: ". . . The only difference between the situation in Detroit and Beaumont, and that which happened in Berlin (Germany), was the fact that in this case the minority that was persecuted was of a different color than the minority in Berlin and the other countries. That is one of the things that this Convention has got to raise its voice about . . . There must be no pussy-footing about discrimination in our free country."

In the Grand Ballroom where the delegates sat, President Curran and National Secretary Ferdinand Smith a Negro, directed the convention from a stage bedecked with the United Nations' flags. During the week from this platform representatives from the Navy, Army, labor, government, religion brought their greetings.

Wherever one went, in the gallery, press room, anterooms, or Auxiliary met, one saw Negroes in every capacity. In the rear of the ball room where literature, pictures and other union interest, were displayed, a Negro woman attended a large booth laden with Negro literature.

LETTER FROM SEAMEN

To Joseph Curran from the President of the United States came a letter in response to a visit group of torpedoed seamen, reading in part: "It is of genuine interest to note that 12,000 members of your Union proudly wear torpedoed pins . . . I want you to understand how much I appreciate the reaffirmation of your no-strike pledge for the duration . . . The men who sail our ships are doing a splendid job throughout the world . . . I approve the announced cardinal purpose of this convention—to discuss ways and means to make our contribution to the war effort even greater than it is now."

Another theme of the convention was How can we maintain and extend the gains of the NMU. A strong NMU will insure a voice for seamen at the peace table.

While the President of the US and high naval official praised the seamen, Curran blasted the press for playing down the seamen's great sacrifices and giving play to hurtful and demoralizating rumors. Pointing out that the Red army keeps 80 percent of hitler's forces busy on the Eastern Front and its Far Eastern divisions keep the Japanese major forces near the Siberian boarder, the convention resolved that the initiative on all fronts can now be seized by the United Nations and that if we do not it will be grabbed by the axis.

Ban Put On Personal Discs

Don't bother to make personal message recordings for your men in the armed services overseas.

The War Department has prohibited mailing of such discs. Several recording companies had set up special departments to handle such recordings but now find themselves out of luck due to the new ruling.

They All Remembered Detroit:

Jewish Leaders, Robeson Urge Unity

Jewish trade union, civic, cultural and religious leaders, addressing 47,000 persons packed into the Polo Grounds last Thursday night to welcome Itzik Feffer and Solomon Michoels, the Soviet Union's peoples artists and ambassadors of good will, did not forget Detroit, Beaumont and Mobile when they voiced their unified stand behind the following issues:

- the immediate opening of the second front in Europe;
- unequivocal support of the Soviet Union;
- solidarity behind the New Deal and President Roosevelt's policies.

SPEAKS OF UNITY

Paul Robeson, who was introduced by Chairman Louis Levine as a "great singer of a great people," received overwhelming applause when, before he sang Engel's Kadish, To a Soviet Flyer and From Border Unto Border, he said: "As a Negro and one of a long-suffering minority, it is more than fitting that the unity of struggle with the Jewish people should be clear. The Jewish people and the Negro people must stand side by side and fight for democracy."

He went on to say that it was signal that "we are gathered here tonight to pay tribute to these great artists from the Soviet Union—a land that has no minority problems because they have established freedom for all people."

FIND PREJUDICE HERE

Feffer, one of the greatest poets in the Soviet Union, and Michoels, one of the greatest artists, both of whom spoke in Russian, said that for the first time in their lives, since they had come to the U. S., they had experienced anti-Semitism.

Said Feffer: "I am only a guest here. In the Soviet Union, for the slightest show of race prejudice one gets 20 years. As a guest, I cannot enforce this law in the U. S. However, I can advise you to unite with all freedom loving forces in this country to uproot every trace of race-baiting. In this way you can make your greatest contribution to the destruction of fascism."

Michoels, the last speaker declared that "active struggle is the command of the hour. The people—the whole people, must attack."

One of the most impassioned addresses against discrimination was made by Saul Mills of the Greater N. Y. CIO Council, who declared that discrimination against Jews, Negroes and loyal Americans of Italian and German descent is still being practiced.

ALL MUST BE FREE

"We cannot live half free and half slave," he declared. "The recent attack against Negroes in Detroit is a powerful weapon in the hands of the enemy."

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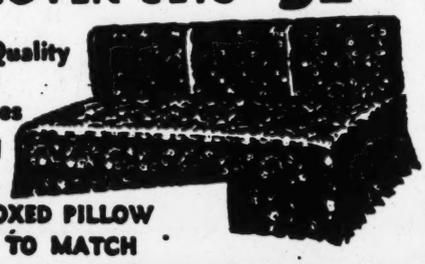

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Chaplain Brings Fight Home:

Fuller Trial to Reveal Discrimination in Army

The trial of Chaplain Luther M. Fuller before a Board of Reclassification of the United States Army, Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m., at 50 Broadway, brings to public attention the shameful way in which Negro chaplains are treated in the army.

Chaplain Fuller will go before a board of not less than five commissioned army officers, one of whom will be a chaplain, one a line officer, and one who will be from the Medical Corps. Most of the board members will be seniors in rank to the chaplain on trial.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine where Chaplain Fuller will best fit in the service and, if no such place is found, he may be discharged from the army without honor.

REFUSES TO RESIGN

The opportunity was given Chaplain Fuller to resign, but he refused on the grounds that his cause was just, and he demanded a hearing. Attorney W. C. (Judge) Houston of Washington, D. C., and First Lt. Henry I. Fernandez of the 372nd Infantry Regiment will represent him as counsel.

This case, according to Chaplain Fuller is a typical example of what may happen to any Negro chaplain who refuses to be an "Uncle Tom" and tolerate the discrimination perpetuated against himself and the colored soldiers he serves. A Negro chaplain receives the same jimcro treatment that a Negro soldier suffers. His rank means nothing to those white men who refuse to respect his person.

Chaplain Fuller got into difficulties by preaching in the army what he preached in his pulpits, namely, that all men are equal in the sight of God and men, and that Negro soldiers should demand their rights as Americans.

The recent action by the National Baptist Convention when it voted to refuse to endorse its members for the chaplaincy shows the general sentiment of the Negro ministry.

Chaplain Fuller was charged with bringing to this country from the South Seas letters which described the unbelievable abuses Negro soldiers underwent in that war area. These charges could not be substantiated. It was also charged that he incited the men under him to believe that all white officers mistreated them. This the chaplain also denied.

Because such men as Fuller refuse to submit to segregation, ingenious methods of conspiracy are enacted against them and attempts are made to have denominations withdraw their endorsements of these ministers for military service.

It is an understood fact that the Army accepts jimcro in all its departments, so as Negro chaplains take heart, the people can expect more cases of reclassification.

CHAPLAIN LOWE PROTESTS

Chaplain William Lowe, who is now in the east protesting the discrimination practiced against him and the soldiers under his jurisdiction, cites many instances in which white officers have refused entirely to listen to or understand the viewpoint of Negro chaplains when they argue the cases of colored soldiers who have been outraged by their white brothers.

He says that the racial animosities on the part of commanding officers toward Negro chaplains make it almost impossible to perform the required duties efficiently. The morale and morality of the units suffer, and the chaplain's work is put down as inefficient.

The present trial of Chaplain Fuller and the subsequent army action in the case of Chaplain Lowe should give Negroes an intimate glimpse of how men in uniform, which includes chaplains, are affected by racial discrimination.

Army Sends Plea For More Chaplains

A plea for more Negro army Chaplains was sent out this week from Washington, D. C.

Signed by Dr. W. H. Jernagin, director of the Washington bureau of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, the statement read:

"Our quota for Chaplains is way behind. Two hundred Chaplains are needed at once. Negro units are now ready but have no Negro Chaplains appointed to them. White Chaplains will have to be appointed to Negro troops because of this unless more Ministers volunteer at once. A conference has been held in the Chief Chaplain's office.

"New requirements have been arranged in order to meet this need. Please write Dr. S. A. Deven, 1127 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C."

A Great Step Ahead!:

National Organizations Unite on New Program

BORDENTOWN, N. J.—Unquestionably one of the most significant and determined political moves ever made by Negro leadership was executed last Saturday here when a group of major national organizations consolidated their forces to act on a five-point program.

The leaders and the organizations they represented are as follows:

- Channing Tobias, of the National YMCA board, who called the meeting and acted as its chairman;
- Adam Clayton Powell Jr., of The Peoples' Committee;
- Roy Wilkins of the NAACP;
- Lester Granger of the National Urban League;
- Dr. Max Yergan of the National Negro Congress;
- Vivian Mason of the National Council of Negro Women;
- Elsie Austin of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Washington Lobby.

When Vivian Mason questioned the value of coming together when there is no representation of the unorganized masses, Adam Powell was asked if he had an objection to establishing Peoples' Committees all over the nation, in every Negro community? He said he had no objection and encouraged the idea.

The five points upon which all these great organizations will rally are:

- the abolition of the poll tax;
- all-out registration of the Negro voters, and a campaign to direct his voting against his enemies regardless of party affiliations;
- abolition of jimcro in the armed forces;
- recognizing the movies as one of the most influential forms of directing public opinion, it was agreed to fight its practice of misrepresenting and ridiculing the Negro people;
- directing the public mind to fight for a change in the policy of playing up crimes by Negroes by the press and associating crime with race.

A. Phillip Randolph was unable to attend the gathering because of illness, nevertheless the March on Washington's race exclusion policy came up. Referring to MOW's stand, Powell expressed the opinion that "Negro organizations cannot succeed if they are going to be exclusive."

Valentine Willing to Add More Negroes to Police Force

Police Commissioner Valentine was interviewed by a committee from the New York Urban League, headed by Edward S. Lewis, the executive secretary, last Tuesday, concerning the importance of taking precautionary measures to prevent racial outbreaks in New York City.

One such measure advanced by the committee was the use of more Negro policemen, not only in Harlem and other areas in which Negroes are concentrated in large numbers, but throughout the city.

WILLING TO HELP

Commissioner Valentine said that he recognized the importance of using Negro as well as white policemen in racial disturbances, and that his office was willing and eager to work with any groups in the community willing to assist him in recruiting candidates for the police force with the necessary physical and mental equipment for the work.

Accepting this challenge, the New York Urban League is now seeking the cooperation of civic, trade union, church or welfare organizations in setting up a training course for prospective policemen.

It is estimated that there are only 200 Negro policemen in the city, when, at least, 500 could be used.

REQUIREMENTS CITED

The requirements for police officers are comparatively simple: Over 22 years of age preferred; height 5 ft. 7 inches; corresponding weight; ability to pass written examination covering general information.

Those who are interested in becoming police officers are asked to register at the Urban League, 204 W 136 st. If there is a sufficient number to warrant it, a coaching course will be set up with the help of other community organizations in order to insure getting an adequate number of Negro police officers for potential emergencies.

Participants in the conference were Mrs. Edith Alexander, representing the executive board of the New York Urban League, and Eardlie John, of the local branch of the NAACP.

Tuskegee Pilot Dies in Crash

TUSKEGEE AIR FIELD, Ala. — Second Lieutenant Oscar Armstrong Kenney of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, was killed instantly last Friday afternoon when the P-40 airplane he was flying crashed approximately ten miles northeast of Tuskegee.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Kenney, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Lt. Kenney attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, from 1939 to 1941.

Five of Seven Buffalo Cab Firms Agree to Junk Jimcro Hiring

An agreement to abolish the color line in employment of drivers or maintenance workers was reached by five of the seven taxicab companies in Buffalo, last week, following a conference with representatives of the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC) and the War Manpower Commission.

The agreement was signed by representatives of each company and constitutes a pledge to hire workers from now on without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

No taxi company in Buffalo had hired Negro drivers or maintenance men before. The conference was called after one of the companies had contacted the United States Employment Service in Buffalo requesting several workers and specifying that only white help was wanted.

Mrs. Lethia W. Glore, of the FEPC, and Leroy Peterson, area manager for WMC, negotiated the agreement. Companies signing included the Van Dyke Cab Company, Eastern (50-50) Cab Company, Inc., City Service Taxicab Company, Nelson B. Baker, Inc., and Madison Taxicab Company.

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, A SERIES OF SIX ARTICLES ON

PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

By Consuelo Lee Tapia

MANAGING EDITOR OF PUEBLOS HISPANOS

New York WACs Among Six Discharged for Refusing To Work in Laundry With Civilians at Kentucky Camp

By NELL BODSON

Now that an "investigation" of the recent discharge of six WACs from Camp Breckinridge, Ky., for their refusal to do menial jobs is supposed to be under way, it won't be upsetting the applecart to pass on a few of the factors that caused the unpleasant affair to develop at a time when Negro women are just becoming WAC-conscious.

Of the six girls who received blue discharge-with-honor slips, two are from New York City, one from Brooklyn, and one from Pleasantville, N. J. The other two are from Ohio and Oklahoma.

The New Yorkers are Viola Venzup, 70 East 129th st; Beatrice Brashear, 225 West 146th st, and from Brooklyn, Gladys Morton, 1164 Pacific st. The New Jersey girl is Ruth Jones, 409 Maple st, Pleasantville.

REFUSED ASSIGNMENT

They received discharges from Breckinridge after five of them refused to work in a laundry with Negro and white civilians, and one turned thumbs down on duty in a Salvage Depot removing buttons from soiled, discarded clothing soldiers had worn on maneuvers.

Arriving at Camp Breckinridge June 15 with a contingent from the WAC Training Center at Fort Devens, the newcomers were put to work preparing barracks from another group scheduled to come in from Fort Des Moines, Ia.

After the barracks were ready and the other girls had arrived, the WACs were called and assigned to various duties. At Devens, Viola had specified her interest in radio communications. She was also asked if she'd had typing experience and when she said she'd only had two months, she was told she'd be trained when she reached her post. Gladys had signed for a sewing detail.

ASSIGNED TO DUTY

At Camp Breckinridge, both were assigned to Service and Supply.

"Up until then we had enjoyed every minute of being a WAC," Viola told me. "It wasn't easy, but we didn't expect it to be. We'd been told we would be trained for some duty that would relieve a soldier for active service. That's what I joined the WAC for. I knew I would have to start at the bottom and work for promotion just like a soldier would, but I was ready to accept that."

Gladys felt the same way. They soon found what the Service and Supply assignment called for. Over thirty of the girls were marched two miles to the laundry where they found they were to work with Negro and white civilians.

N. Y. WACs AMONG SIX

Gladys piled barrack bags for half a day and Viola received clothes from the mangle.

When the girls went back to the messhall for lunch, about half of them had decided it was no soap with the soap proposition.

Gladys states their protest was more than justified because white WACs who had been at the camp before them, had refused the laundry work and were in their barracks awaiting assignment.

MIGHT MEAN TROUBLE

A she-sergeant came and took the names of the WACs who refused to return to the laundry, but Viola says the number dwindled after a Colonel read the Articles of War to them, stressing the point that disobedience of military orders during time of war could mean court martial.

It should be emphasized that the girls were not shirking their duty, or looking for something "soft." They all knew army life wasn't a bed of roses. They knew individual likes and dislikes had to be secondary.

But as Viola stated: "I asked the laundry officer if WACs had worked in the laundry before our arrival, and he said they hadn't."

The officer also told her that it was difficult to get civilians to come out from town to do the work because of the long trip. Viola, who is not only sensible but practical, suggested that if they paid the civilians worthwhile wages, they perhaps wouldn't have as much difficulty luring them from town.

"He didn't reply to that one," Viola commented briefly.

PUT UNDER GUARD

The hint of court martial or serious trouble sent most of the original group back to their laundry jobs, but the six who remained insistent about not returning to the menial labor were put under constant guard and separated from the others.

Viola said that before they were discharged they were lined up outside of the barracks before all of the other WACs and told they were a "disgrace to the Army." She also charges that the language used by the company commander at this time was neither befitting an officer nor a lady.

After a physical examination they were given their discharge papers.

Both charge that on one occasion white soldiers came into the barracks to get a drink of water, and also used the latrine, and that while the white WACs are separated from the soldiers, the Negro WACs are stationed right opposite Negro soldiers.

WOULDN'T TAKE LAUNDRY ASSIGNMENT

Viola Venzup, left, of New York, and Gladys Morton of Brooklyn, right, were among the six WACs discharged from Camp Breckinridge, N. Y., recently, when they refused to work in a laundry with Negro and white civilians.—M. Smith photos.

Willkie, Buck Ask FDR To Order Riot Probe

NEW YORK (FP).—A committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, headed by Pearl Buck, Wendell Willkie, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and others, has asked Pres. Roosevelt to order an investigation by "a committee of distinguished citizens" of recent anti-Negro riots in Detroit, Beaumont, Tex., Mobile, Ala., Los Angeles, and other places.

In a wire to the White House, the ACLU Committee against Racial Discrimination, of which Miss Buck is chairman, called the outbreaks "a challenge to our democratic faith" and asked the President to go on the air at the earliest possible moment "with a plea to the American people to end these outrages and devote themselves to establishing racial understanding."

Wires urging all action within their capacities also went to Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle, Gov. Harry F. Kelly of Michigan, Sen. Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.), chairman of the senate committee to investigate the national defense program, and Rep. John H. Tolan (D., Cal.), chairman of the House committee investigating national defense migration.

Woodland Now Corporal

MISS. ORDNANCE PLANT, FLORA, Mississippi — Private First Class Donald Woodland, of 2078 8th ave., has been promoted to Corporal here.

Negro Soldier Killed, Six Wounded In Riot at Camp Shenango, Pa.

CAMP SHENANGO, Pa.—An alleged "dispute" between Negro and white soldiers at a post exchange here Sunday night set off the fuse for a riot that ended with the death of one of the Negro soldiers and the wounding of six others.

In a press statement released directly from the camp, it was revealed that following the trouble the soldiers were addressed by the post commander who emphasized how "serious trouble" could develop from such an altercation.

M. P.'s POSTED

Following the warning by the officer, the soldiers went back to their respective areas in the camp, and M. P.'s were posted to direct traffic and ward off any further signs of trouble.

The communication stated that "later an undetermined number of Negro soldiers forcibly entered a supply building and armed themselves". They, according to the official statement, "began firing into an area occupied by white soldiers."

In spite of the fact that the Negro soldiers are charged with starting the interchange of shots, they apparently were on the receiving end of the bullets. At press time, no white soldiers had been reported as wounded or injured.

Private Herman Taylor, age 22, of Rosedale, Kan., was killed, and six others wounded.

Colonel Zim E. Lawhon, post commander, has appointed a board of inquiry which, it is hoped, will clarify the situation. The statement issued by the post claims that a dispute arose between colored and white soldiers Sunday evening, but does not say what it was about.

Jury Acquits Iowa Man In Civil Rights Killing

POLK COUNTY, Iowa—Robert B. Vanderer was acquitted this week of a second degree murder charge in the killing of Harold McCasland here. Vanderer who was defended by NAACP counsel was acquitted by an all white jury following a three-hour deliberation. He had been indicted in June, 1942.

The killing grew out of the refusal of the operators of a carnival to admit Negroes to certain shows.

The case was tried on the theory of the right of a Negro to attend a place of amusement with the same freedom enjoyed by any other person. The court also acknowledged a Negro's right to defend himself if illegally assaulted.

Open New Hospital In Newport News

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The completion of the new Whittaker Hospital at a cost of about $300,000 brought to realization the dream of four Negro physicians several years ago who personally purchased the lot where the original hospital was erected.

The four physicians who joined hands and hearts in a campaign to get the hospital were Drs. W. P. Dickerson, J. T. Foreman, P. A. Scott, and W. T. Jones. Dr. Dickerson is the only one of the four who is living and is the physician in charge.

Brown Bomber Baking Plant Shuts Doors; War Is Blamed

The Brown Bomber Baking company, Negro owned and operated and the largest in the nation, suspended business here Saturday, July 10.

The official statement released by company officials was as follows:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors, Saturday, July 10, it was voted to discontinue operation of the business. The decision was made by the directors in the light of increasing labor shortages and problems of acquiring materials due to the pressure of the war program.

"The directors have instructed attorneys for the firm to protect the interests of all concerned."

Meanwhile, there were indications that the bakery's closing its doors was not being accepted with too much enthusiasm by some of the prominent professional and civic leaders who have had financial fingers in the pie.

Winchell Spills Beans on De House Stuck With Own Story

Walter Winchell, in fifteen minutes of air-time Sunday ni coast-to-coast broadcast, blew the lid off the Detroit riots.

Winchell, who has turned into one of the greatest and mos versive activities in America, blasted Detroit's Mayor Jeffries a ry F. Kelly for not having taken action long ago on obviously intended to create race tension in the motor city.

TRAMPLES FLAG

Apparently the blue-penciling of the Winchell air scripts which he has been fighting bitterly was tossed aside for the Sunday night show, for Walter charged that several Congressmen, friends of both Kelly and Jeffries were also overly-chummy with Gerald K. Smith, rabble-rousing, race-baiting Detroit agitator who recently, Winchell revealed, trampled the American flag in a meeting of his followers in Buffalo, N. Y.

Winchell applauded with a "hurrah!" the broadcasted item that the Acme Packing Co. of Brooklyn was ordered to discharge three members of Local 121 United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers of America (CIO) for fomenting a wildcat strike in the war plant in protest against employment of a Negro.

Winchell has also revealed that anti-FDR forces are planning disturbances in Washington, and that during the recent Detroit riots, investigation will prove older men were seen in a vacant lot on Woodward ave INSTRUCTING TEEN-AGE RIOTERS. He has also exposed the fact that most of the victims wounded in the riot were hit with clubs "not likely to be readily at hand."

GRAFTON STRIKES HOME

Another air commentator who delved with embarrassing frankness into the present race situation was Samuel Grafton over WOR. Said Grafton of the proposed abolition of the domestic branch of the OWI:

"There has been some Congressional complaint because the Office of War Information has issued a pamphlet outlining the fine contributions to the war which have been made by the Negroes of America.

"If we intend to wipe out racial disorders in America, I do not see how keeping silent about them will help us.

"The House of Representatives DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE SAME STORY OF ITS FOUR FREEDOMS WHICH IT IS WILLING TO HAVE TOLD TO OTHER COUNTRIES. We seem to be afraid of our own medicine. . . ."

—N.D.

IN MEMORIAM

In Constant Memory of Husband, Father and Friend, Robert Jones Sr., who died June 18, 1938.

Dear one we have not forgotten thee.

THE JONES FAMILY

Urge FBI Investigation Of Long Island Newspaper

(Ed. Note: Last week PV published excerpts from Nassau County Long Island Star-Review editorials which openly sanctioned lynch-law in the case of six Negro youths arrested for robbery. This week's article tells of some of the factors behind the editorials.)

Somebody's lying about the wave of muggings, robberies and mass attacks on women and girls out in Nassau County, Long Island. Somebody's lying, and I don't believe it's Mayor Herbert Mirschel of Hempstead, Police Lieutenant Freely, or the Rev. L. J. Thompson, for 10 years pastor of the Hempstead Union Baptist Church.

These respectable citizens of Hempstead all testify to the good relationship between Negro and white residents of this typical American county seat. Yet the *Review-Star* published for its 30,860 readers on Long Island, an editorial one would rarely expect even down in the deepest sections of the South.

In the news story of the arrest of a few Negro youths, terms such as "Sam," "The Deacon" and "Big John" were used and Negro was spelled with a small "n."

The facts are that six youths from 16 to 18 were arrested for robbery, found to be mentally deficient and sent to reformatories.

POLICE IN CAHOOTS?

The Mayor says these boys' cases were no more than usual and that he does not understand why the papers made so much over them. He also thinks the play-up the local Hempstead paper gave the story in pictures was unwarranted and the circumstances unusual.

The police and the paper seemed to be working together, said the Mayor, for the camera men were on the spot to see the crime reenacted.

Mayor Mirshell wondered what was behind these exaggerated and flagrant editorials. A visit to the Anti-Nazi League, 168 W. 44th st., in New York, began to make things a little clearer.

This section of Long Island was one of the hot spots for the activities of Bundists, Christian Frontiers, and the KKK. In this area, hoodlums attempted to burn a synagogue. Here is where John Geis lived and worked. He used to publish the *American Way*. He was an extremist on isolation, racial purity and anti-Semitism. Geis used to stand outside Bund meetings and sell his literature.

IMPEDED SCRAP COLLECTION

It was in this section (near New Hyde Park) that the first rumor-mongering campaign was started to impede scrap collection.

In this area around Hempstead, there are about 40,000 whites to about three or four thousand Negroes. If the "Review Star" continues to carry out its campaign of stirring race feeling, Long Island will be the scene of riots.

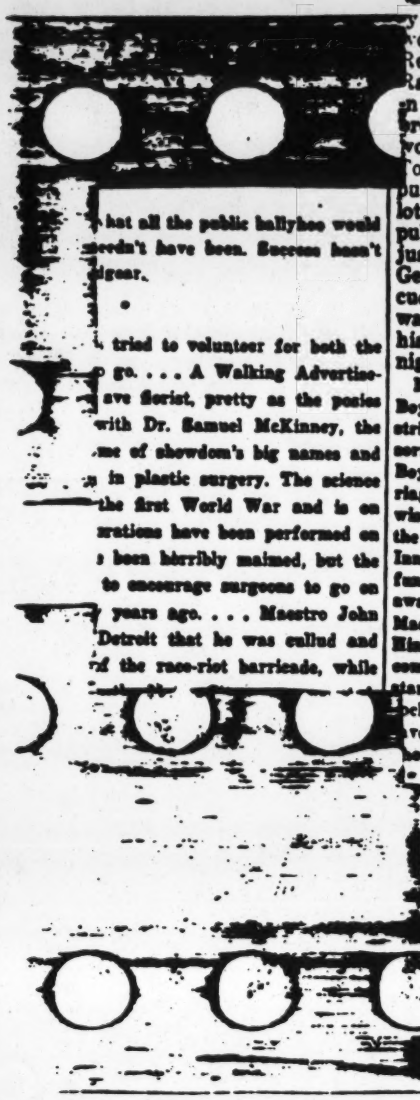
Professor James H. Sheldon of the Anti-Nazi League made a statement to the effect Monday night he would immediately ask the FBI and the U. S. District Attorney to take immediate action to put an end to this type of incendiary propaganda before it leads to

kind of violence our enemies would like to see.

At its board meeting Saturday, the Peoples Committee authorized attorneys H. S. Jackson, Cornelius McDougald and Vernal Williams to take action to restrain the *Review Star*.

The Committee Against Race Discrimination of the American Civil Liberties Union of which Pearl S. Buck is chairman, writing the *Review Star* in protest, said of the editorials: "They savor strongly of inciting riot."

If it is left to progressive and alert New Yorkers, the horrors of the Detroit and Beaumont riots will not be repeated here.—L. Ransom.



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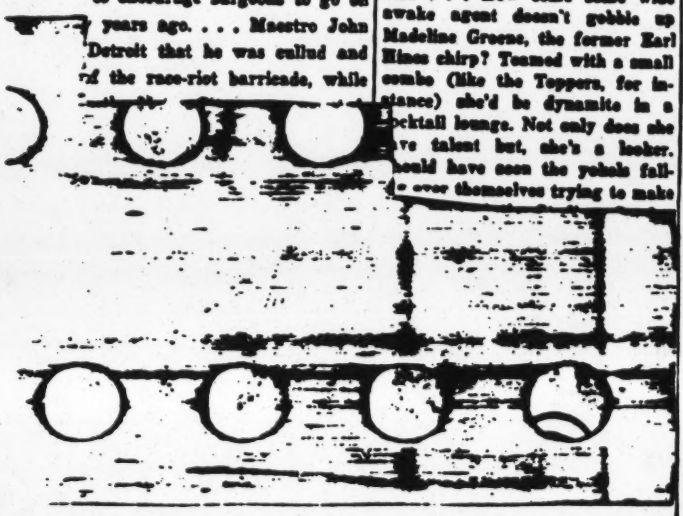
-y, you have to suffer until ANOTHER column. Hope it doesn't turn out to be THAT nd. . . . Some drama at the Theresa Hotel: 2 newlyweds nd the used-to-be hubby all here and virtually falling ver each other—and themselves as they try to discreetly avoid one another. . . . Fireworks sure to pop at the Elks' Rendezvous. Seems that Ralph Cooper's show was put on despite the fact that the previous cast had expected to work for two more weeks. If Coop isn't responsible for the pushing around, he'd make a lot of friends by coming out publicly with a statement of just who is to blame. . . . George Williams, the barbecue man, is using the ether waves to sing the glories of his eatery. He's on WEVD nightly.

Marianne (South of the Border) Boyd is back on the apple—and strictly Spanish, muchacha. I'm sorry but you'll have to ask La Boyd for the details of the marriage. . . . Billy Rose's in the wise one, all right. Gets away from the maddening crowd at "Glamour Inn" (where she toils) to have her fun. . . . How come some wide awake agent doesn't gobble up Madeline Greene, the former Earl Hines chirp? Teamed with a small combo (like the Toppers, for instance) she'd be dynamite in a cocktail lounge. Not only does she have talent but, she's a looker. Should have seen the yokels falling over themselves trying to make



Washington

By CHARLES PEARCE

If it is true that Army Intelligence and FBI operatives sensed disorders in Detroit MONTHS ago, even before the Sojourner Housing affair, why didn't they act then to save the 29 lives needlessly sacrificed in a racial war provoked by subversive elements in that section? Let Mr. Dies or some other committee investigate those subversive activities rather than harp on the Communists. No Nazi terror or horror perpetrated against Jews and minorities of Europe can equal this outrage in the country of Four Freedoms and Liberty. A full investigation and punishment for the guilty in Detroit is the only solution and redress to the Negro populations of the world which see in this the breakdown of all the fair promises of governmental protection and guaranty of the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Will Detroit be the Negro's Lidice?

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Muriel Rahn, charming New York soprano, and Kenneth Spencer, baritone, delighted a capacity audience here last week singing the hit songs from "Porgy and Bess" at the popular Water Gate concerts. Alexander Smallens conducted an all-Gershwin program.

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At the Beau Jack fight Monday night, George E. C. Hayes, noted lawyer, former Judge James Adalai Cobb, Percival Prattis, Courier representative, Drr. Reeves in one party; Dr. Isaac Cupid; Drs. Nash and Garvin; Jean Clore of the nite spot bearing the same name; and many other celebrities known to the general public.

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Corienne Robinson, assistant to Frank Horne in Housing, trying to get a bit of reading between courses at the Y.W. cafeteria and being talked to death by a fatherly old messenger from the State Department, who advises young folks to apply for jobs in the lower brackets. Corienne is a top flight executive whose pay is around $3,200. He gets the usual $1,260 plus his overtime hours or something. She here it as long as she could.

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Jeannetta Welch leaving the Bethune organization? So it is reported. How come? When Doxey Wilkerson resigned his post at Howard University where he was a professor and renounced his post at OPA where he worked while on leave from the University, to become an active organizer for the Communist Party, he showed what we felt about him all along—he is a man of integrity and as sincere in his beliefs as any person who has devoted his life to a cause. In your new field Doxey, good luck.

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Elmer Henderson of FEPC is expecting a call to the Army almost any day now. Has been for the past year, it would seem.

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By the way, what ever happened to the FEPC? The Capital Transit Company still advertises down South for operators for street cars, thereby further confusing the capital situation.

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Whatever became of the Black Cabinet which flourished around about 39-40-41? Look for a few of the Rankin revenge seen. Detroit will give him a chance to spout more of his nonsense. And he gets ten thousand dollars a year for that. What a pity.

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Will Tom Dewey lay aside his plan not to run for president if the boys get real hot on his heels? . . .

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What Negro postmaster is playing a jam up political game in trying to dominate the coming convention of the Postal Alliance with letters to various units that won't do him any good when the public reads them? And what stooge is it that notifies the Assistant Postmaster General of ALL the caucuses and meetings the Alliance holds? He enjoys the confidence of lots of members too, does this stooge.

DON'T BE MISLED!

RACE RIOTS ARE THE "SECRET WEAPON" → OF ADOLF HITLER ← TO SMASH THE UNITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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"THE NMU FIGHTS JIM CROW"

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NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA, CIO

→KEEP THE SHIPS SAILING←

It Was the Humidity, Absenteeism Helped Rush Thru Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The anti-New Dealers in Congress, aided by the Washington humidity and the about-face of some of the staunchest FDR supporters slipped the drastic Connally-Smith anti-strike bill through the Senate and House over the President's veto, last Friday.

Absenteeism, according to Philip Murray, CIO president, made it possible for "a Congressional clique to engineer a sneak attack on the Commander-in-Chief by rushing thru the over-riding of the veto within minutes of its announcement."

The humid Washington weather in summer months is the excuse many of the solons give for not keeping strictly up to par with their Congressional duties, but in some quarters here it is felt that a few of the boys ducked out rather than be caught between the crossfire.

PEPPER INCLUDED

In both chambers, ardent Administration supporters turned on FDR. Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, acting democratic leader, who nominated Roosevelt for a third term at Chicago, and Senator Claude Pepper, who not so long ago said he wished he could nominate Roosevelt for "President of the World," were among those who voted to over-ride the veto.

In the House, Ramespeck of Georgia and Johnson of Texas and Gore of Tennessee voted against their Chief. McCormick of Massachusetts, Majority Leader, sided with the President.

It is believed that one of the strongest factors in convincing even some of the most faithful FDR followers to reject the veto was the unpunished defiance of the National War Labor Board by John L. Lewis, whom the Board is still asking to appear before it.

The feeling is that if FDR had handled John L. more firmly, Congress might have listened with a more willing ear to the imperfections of the Connally-Smith bill, all of which he pointed out soundly and clearly in his veto message.

"WORST-IN-HISTORY"

In spite of Mr. Roosevelt's promises of a firmer attitude in the future, the veto was ridden over rough-shod. Labor leaders called it the "worst-labor bill passed by Congress in the past 100 years," and also stated the measure is unconstitutional because some of its clauses "deny to workers freedom of speech and impose upon them involuntary servitude as well as the destruction of the philosophy of voluntarism on which free trade unionism is founded."

Senate records reveal that this is the first time in the history of America that both branches of Congress have over-ridden a Presidential veto on the same day.

STRIKES PROHIBITED

Under the bill, the Government can take over plants or mines where labor disputes threaten or cause labor interruption. Strikes are prohibited, and persons encouraging or aiding walk-outs are subject to penalties ranging up to $5,000 fine or a year in jail.

In plants where the Government does not choose to intervene, the bill PERMITS WORKERS TO STRIKE ONLY AFTER A 30-Day notice and if a majority vote on a secret ballot favors a walkout. Violators are subject to civil damage suits.

CAN SUBPOENA LEWIS

It gives the War Labor Board subpoena power it lacked to compel John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to submit to its arbitration efforts.

The section that came under the worst barrage from organized labor declares that no members of the WLB "shall be permitted to participate in any decision in which such member has a direct interest as an officer, employee or representative of either party to the dispute."

It bars union contributions to political campaigns.

One of the weakest points of the measure, and one which may lead to its amendment is that a labor leader, engrossed in trying to prevent a strike must give notice to the Government. This would cause the taking of a strike ballot and may even precipitate a strike.

Loses Three Fingers Gets Job For Life

Lila Mae Neely, 2207 Seventh ave., first Negro girl to operate a machine for the John R. Gosterino Co., war plant, lost three fingers as the result of an accident while on the job.

UNITY

Of Negro and White Americans

—to smash Hitlerism by a second front in Europe.

—to smash the Axis attempts to wreck the home front here.

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NMU FIGHTS JIM CROW

"The Founding Fathers of this country wrote 'All men are created equal'. And we are prepared to carry on the fight to prove it."

— Joseph Curran, President, National Maritime Union.

Picket Line Lessons

Seventy-five years ago a leader in the march of the dispossessed toward a decent standard of living wrote these words: "Labor with a white skin can never be

free while labor with a black skin is branded."

The members of the National Maritime Union have learned the truth of this observation by Karl Marx. We learned it on the picket line when we were carrying on the struggle to organize; we have

learned it over and over again since.

We won't ever forget it for the simple reason that the shipowners won't let us. They give us ample opportunity to drive the lesson

home with their persistent efforts to discriminate against our Negro members. We make the most of these opportunities. By meeting the issue head-on, we are able to expose the shipowners' tactics

for what they are—attempts to create disunity in our ranks.

Mulzac Appointment Symbolizes Principles For Which NMU Fights

We knew that Hugh Mulzac could command a ship—if he were ever given the chance. That chance didn't come for only one reason—Hugh Mulzac was a Negro.

It didn't matter that this man had been going to sea on steam and sailing vessels for over 35 years. It didn't matter that he had sailed as A. B., quartermaster, bos'n, third mate, second mate, and chief officer on British and American ships. It didn't matter that he was a graduate of the U. S. Shipping Board School and was awarded its certificate in 1918, that he held also a diploma in navigation and radio from the International Correspondence Nautical School, and a certificate from the Sperry Gyro Compass School.

It didn't matter that so far back as 1922 he had passed his examination as Master of ocean going steamers unlimited, and was, therefore, qualified to command any merchant ship of any tonnage on any ocean.

20 YRS. AS STEWARD COOK

None of these things made any difference. He was a Negro—so for over 20 years he had to sail as a steward or cook. When he made application at the shipping lines for the position of Master to which he was rightfully entitled by training and experience, he was given the usual run around. "Sorry we're all filled up" . . . "Leave your name and address and we'll see what we can do" . . . "We've got a lot of white men who will have to be shipped first" . . . "We'll file your application . . ."

The National Maritime Union fought this case with all its strength. From every port in the country, from ships on every sea, resolutions and telegrams of protest went to the authorities in Washington. Then, in cooperation with the Negro Labor Victory Committee and other interested groups, we organized delegations to Washington to argue the case in person.

THE VICTORY IS WON

We won that fight. On September 22, 1942 Captain Edward Macauley of the War Shipping Administration announced the appointment of Captain Hugh Mulzac to command the new Liberty freighter Booker T. Washington. And to make the victory over Jim Crow doubly significant, the ship was launched by the great Negro singer, Marian Anderson.

HONOR PUERTO RICAN LEADER

Speaking at last Friday's gala celebration held in Park Palace in honor of Albizu Campos, Puerto Rican political leader who has just been released from long imprisonment were, (l. to r.): Congressman Vito Marcantonio; Assemblyman Hulan Jack; Ernestina Gonzalez, South Harlem leader; Don Antonio Corretjer, Editor Pueblos Hispanos; Cyril Philip, Communist leader; and Chairman Pablos Cuesta.

Kungsholm Case

On January 2, 1942, the Swedish luxury liner, Kungsholm, lay in the port of New York ready to sail. She had been taken over by the United States Lines and converted into a troopship. That afternoon, the company called the union hall for 140 seamen to man the liner.

The union dispatcher sent the men. One hundred and fifteen were accepted. The assignment cards of the other 25 were marked "not acceptable." They were Negroes.

The NMU is committed to a policy of all-out effort to win the war. But we are also committed to a policy of no discrimination. We wanted these 25 Negroes to sail on that ship.

So union officials acted promptly.

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, sent a wire to the President of the United States, protesting the rejection of the 25 Negroes.

The wire brought quick results. The next morning company officials phoned the hall and informed us that the Negroes were now "acceptable." When the ship sailed, the 25 men were aboard.

That prompt action by the NMU was more than a victory in this single case. It resulted in a forthright statement of policy by the President of the United States, which has become a powerful weapon in our hands in our fight against discrimination.

TOWN HALL

The Voice Selects As the Most Important Question of the Week:

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you believe the present epidemic of race disturbances throughout the country is Axis-inspired?

PRO: *James H. Shelton, Chairman, Anti-Nazi League, N.Y.C.*

I would count as "foreign agents" some men who were born in America but whose loyalty is not to our democracy. It has taken years for Axis propagandists and their collaborationist helpers to culminate a plan to set race against race and religion against religion in the United States. That plan was a basic part of the whole Nazi scheme for world conquest. The racial propaganda virus which emanated from Nazi-land was picked up here and cultivated by forces like the Ku Klux Klan and men like George Deatherage. That propaganda virus has been germinating ever since. When war tensions are greatest, and when nerves are stretched by the movement of people to congested areas, no great amount of additional planning or effort is needed to touch off the flames of riot. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's No. 1 man, once declared that "America will be the easiest of all nations to conquer, because, divided against herself, the United State will offer little opposition to our (Nazi) idealogy when the hour to strike has come." In spite of the news from Detroit, I have confidence that the future will prove Goebbels a liar, and that we shall destroy all of his Nazi brothers and brothers-under-the-skin, whether they live in Berlin or in Michigan.

CON: *Cecelia Webb, Saleslgirl, Kenters Dept. Store, N.Y.C.*

It is politically inaccurate to consider that violent expressions of racial chauvinism are foreign importations. Acts of violence perpetrated against the Negro people are as strictly American as a pop bottle thrown at a baseball game. It is a practice begun and perfected by our native fascists, the great majority of whom are inspired, not by axis agents, but by a vicious determination to deny to Negroes the equality and dignity rightfully belonging to all human beings. It is significant to remind ourselves that similar racial explosions occurred in many of our larger industrial centers during and following World War I. The causes then were primarily economic and were exaggerated by traditional anti-Negro prejudice. To explain these riots as solely the work of Axis-inspired groups is a terrible understatement and absolves the products of our fascist South from blame in this situation. Fascism is an international commodity and develops wherever conditions permit or necessitate. The extension of new economic opportunities to Negro workers has so inflamed the crude passions of certain fascist-minded whites in our midst that they have adopted the brutal hooliganism of Hitler's Brown shirts and Mussolini's Blackshirts without, I think, any foreign encouragement.

The People:

Helen Hicks, cosmetics, Kenter's Department Store, NYC: I do not believe the race riots are Axis inspired. The cruelest people in the world are in the South and Detroit has been overrun by the South. A Southerner needs no inspiration to cruelty.

Gladys Kroll, investigator, NYC: Yes. These recent outbreaks which have occurred in defense areas serve the Axis by creating disunity and distrust among races. Detroit, the home town of such native Fascists as Gerald K. Smith, the Black Legion and the KKK carried out Hitler's theories perfectly.

Elvin Burke, clerk, NYC: I don't think the recent Detroit riot was Axis inspired. This is just an excuse to shift responsibility. This "don't care" attitude of law enforcement will result in other outbreaks. As usual the Negro will come out second best with the nation the loser.

Belle Fishman, typist, NYC: Yes. I certainly do. It is well known that the Axis has always used tactics of creating disorder and disunity in a country by pitting group against group to gain its ends. In this instance the Black Legion, KKK, etc., are Hitler's agents

Muriel Carrington, social worker, NYC: Yes. It is my opinion that the riots that have been occuring in various industrial centers in the country have been perpetrated by pro-Fascist organizations. The underlying factors which have motivated these actions are of long standing and deeper seated resentment which has been expressed toward the Negro since his freedom from slavery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS, BROTHER:
Dear Sir:

I am 69 years old, but never before my life have I felt more proud than I did the night I took my wife to Madison Square Garden to hear my race speak with such vigor that stands for justice, friendship, and above all, a united race. May I suggest that the next time you give another historical event, you rent the Pole Grounds? I shall contribute twenty-five dollars.

John Wainwright
555 Edgecombe Avenue.

LIKES HOME BOY
Dear Sir:

I am very much pleased with the column "Home Boy Says." I would like to obtain just those columns alone, and also obtain as many back home columns as possible. You see I'm doing some lettering cartoons which I intend to submit to your paper and part of them are taken from these columns.

Pvt. Wm. Alexander
Co. C., 3rd Bn IRTC
Fort McClellan, Ala.

CONGRATS FOR POWELL

Dear Sir: Congratulations for your foresight in your articles on Negroism vs Southernism and your acclamation that Los Angeles will be the headquarters for Negro rights in the West. The city has just emerged from a Zoot Suit war—in reality an act of violence on the scale of a riot.

I wish to call your attention to the desperate attempt of Southernism to erase the progress of all minority groups gained from this war. It would be an excellent idea and a strategic move to play this act of violence up big as the racial issue—which, in reality, it is. It would be instilled in the minds of all Negroes that these are desperate attempts to create a stalemate in their progress.

Donald McLean
Los Angeles, Calif.

PV ONE STEP AHEAD

Dear Sir: PV just cannot be beat because it keeps the Negro ahead of the news of the week. So—to be informed of what's to be—step up and ask for a PV!

Pvt. Jimmie Williams,
A.P.O. Postmaster 402
Nashville, Tenn.

NEGROES IN WAR JOBS

Dear Sir: I am sure you know how difficult it still is for Negro women to secure war industry jobs, but I would like to tell you about my experience in the Navy Yard.

I tried for almost seven months to get a job there. Last month the man at the desk gave a white woman a job and told me there were no openings. I asked him why. He told me that they "could get more work out of white men and women than Negroes." He said that Negroes are absent so much.

If our own boys are serving with the Navy and fighting for this country, then why doesn't the Yard want to let us help make the things that will give them a better chance to win?

R.T.B.
420 W 150th st
New York City

Dear Mr. President

By LANGSTON HUGHES

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, you
Are our Commander in Chief.
As such, I appeal
To you for relief.

II.

Respectfully, sir,
I await your reply
As I train here to fight,
Perhaps to die.

III.

I am a soldier
Down in Alabam'
Wearing the uniform
Of Uncle Sam.

IV

But when I get on the bus
I have to ride in the back,
Rear seats only
For a man who's black.

V

When I get on the train,
It's the Jim Crow car—
That don't seem to jibe
With what we're fighting for.

VI

Mr. President, sir,
I don't understand
Democracy that
Forgets the shiack man.

VII

Respectfully, therefore,
I call your attention
To these Jim Crow laws
Your speeches don't mention.

VIII

I ask why YOUR soldiers
Must ride in the back,
Segregated—
Because we are black?

IX

I train to fight,
Perhaps to die.
Urgently, sir,
I await your reply.

FBI Note: Is This Guy On the Level?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation might take a look at the set-up of the Shreveport, La., *Journal*.

The *Journal* has the Detroit race riot all figured out.

An editorial of June 23 in the paper placed the blame for the Detroit riots on the whites of the Motor City simply because they have made Negroes feel they are equal to whites. Whenever this mistake is made, the jimcro *Journal* philosophizes, riots are the result.

The editorial further argues that Negroes have no business in the North anyway; in fact, they shouldn't even be in the Nation's Capitol—Washington. Negroes, states the *Journal*, should all go back down south where white men put them in their places and have no trouble with them.

When the war is over, the (Junke) *Journal* concludes, and the Negro does come home—he had better forget that "racial equality nonsense or else!"

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Negro-Labor Unity

Importance of Negro-Labor unity as an effective means of enforcing Office of Price Administration ceiling prices was discussed recently at a mass meeting in Abyssinia Baptist Church.

Sponsored by the Harlem-Riverside CIO Community Council, the meeting was called to impress the community with the necessity for organizing to protect itself against various war hazards —primarily black markets in all commodities.

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We Don't Want This!

Syphilis Article in Medical Journal Is Untimely Aid to Bad Race Feeling

A scientific article that may have vicious civic and social repercussions appeared in the June 5 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association and has been scored as "untimely and in poor taste" by leading New York Negro doctors.

Written under the heading: "Syphilis In The United States; Primarily A Negro Problem," the article states, in commenting on the reports of army serologic blood tests for syphilis secured from the first two million selectees for army service in 1940 to 1942:

"The extraordinary fact brought out by these data is the high prevalence of syphilis in the Negro. This rate permeates overwhelmingly all the other data. In all parts of the United States the rate in Negro men is at least ten times higher than that in white men."

Stating that the men examined were from 21 to 35 years of age, the article continues:

. . . "The geographic distribution of the disease bears a direct relationship to the distribution of the Negro populations of the nation. States with a large proportion of Negroes have the highest syphilis rates . . . ."

CLASSIFIES WHITES

While the article puts all Negroes in one class regardless of economic or social circumstances, it says of whites:

The article also was scored for the lending of a "false sense of security" to whites.

But Harlem doctors feel that because the daily press picked up the article and reprinted parts of it, stressing the Negro angle, its main effect will be to create added race bias at a time when the nation is battling bigotry, rumor-mongering and race-baiting.

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As Hitler Laughs:

Anti-Nazi League Warns Riots May Spread Here

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman, in a warning that "propaganist fire-bugs" may be about to set the flames of race riot in New York and other Eastern defense areas, announced this week that the league has.

● called upon the FBI and other authorities for a sweeping investigation of the kkk, national workers league of Detroit, george deatherage (anti-Negro propagandist under indictment for sedition in Washington, the Michigan black legion and others;

● asked military and Department of Justice authorities to invoke war-time statutes for punishment of such offenders, as disrupters of the arms-production program;

● asked the U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern NY District to take action against the publisher of a Long Island daily newspaper, the Nassau Daily Review-Star, for a series of articles tending to incite lynch law in that area, which immediately adjoins vital aircraft manufacturing plants.

"In fighting the spread of these riots," Sheldon's statement for the league stated, "we must understand that we are fighting a war—and act accordingly. Detroit has lost at least a week of effecive production time and bad news from these riot centers more than offsets the good news from the Mediterranean.

"The race riots which swept the nation during the last 2 weeks are the direct result of a carefully planned campaign, promoted and inspired by nazi-sympathizing bundists, ku klux klan members and other subsersive groups today faithfully following hitler's plans to divide the nation.

"While apparently operating underground in other cities, a campaign for lynch law is being openly carried on at NY's doorstep. The NASSAU DAILY REVIEW-STAR dedclared editorially only last Saturday in connection with so-called Negro muggers: 'Preferably we shall lock them up, but if it is necessary to string them up in order to make our homes secure, there will be no priorities on rope.'"

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MY GOD ... MY PEOPLE

TO OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

All is not well at home! You know that and we do too! The race riots in Texas, Georgia, California, and Detroit have shown all the world just how your country and mine can look at its worst.

We back here know that when you hear of these things first you get damn mad—then your morale drops lower than a Cairo grave—but before you go overboard on the resentment side let's look at the matter sanely.

All of America isn't rioting! Only the scum and swill of the nation stoops to this violent sabotage of all that Democracy stands for.

Only the rottenest of men and women in whose veins run the muck of Fascism come together to violate every right and hope of Negro Americans.

THESE ROTERS HAVE GOOD BACKING—AND MUCH OF IT COMES FROM HIGH PLACES; FROM WASHINGTON AND LOCAL STATE CAPITOLS; FROM CITY HALLS AND COUNTY SEATS; MAYORS, PLEDGED TO KEEP ORDER URGE THEM ON. POLICEMEN ASSURE THE CRIMINALS THEY WILL BE PROTECTED. SO THEY PLUNDER ON—FEARLESS AND UNIMPEDED.

Yet this is but a small band of anti-victory bigots! The great majority of white Americans live and work in peace with Negroes. They want to cooperate with us. Traditions and laws prevent them, but in their hearts they do not hate us! A lot of white fellows in the army and navy would fight side by side with you if the Jim Crow War Department would let them. But it won't! So in the face of all this it's hard as hell to tell you not to get mad—yet I do tell you.

Anger and rash conduct is what these riots and similar acts are calculated to produce. Domestic and imported nazi agents incite a nation to racial division and then conquer it. This is not going to happen to America. We at home are not going to allow it.

Black men are going to walk hand in hand with white men. We are going to work side by side—we are going to get paid equal wages for our work—we are going to worship a common God in common sanctuaries! This is the true American way—race hate is the nazi way.

A cracker is a nazi no matter where you find him. An unprotesting President is his best tool—and a silent Church his ally. We know this but our faith tells us that both will and must speak out soon. Real America will make them.

So keep fighting, son! You at the front and we at home—let's make it a great battle. Good, fair-minded white people will fight with us and together we'll make this a better America for you to come home to.

Our job has not been started yet—yours is only beginning, too, but keep at it. Somehow I know God is on our side; when this is so all Hell cannot prevail against us!—

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LABOR looks AHEAD

By FERDINAND C. SMITH

Secretary, National Maritime Union, CIO

The Negro people are fighting mad about what has happened in Detroit. They should be. While they have been concentrating all their efforts on the defeat of Fascism, they find themselves the innocent victims of a pogrom inspired and provoked by Fascist agents at home.

There will be many well-intentioned Negro people who will now take the position that the war in Europe has lost all its meaning after the outrage perpetrated in Beaumont, Newark, and Detroit. That is an understandable position.

But it is not a correct one. It is an attitude which stems from the desire to halt production at all costs and cripple our all-out war effort against Fascism abroad, if we are going to be attacked by Fascists here."

But reason answers: "Wait a moment. What happened here was not real Fascism. It was just a taste of what will come if Hitler's Fascism prevails. Remember that we still have the right to protest against the Detroit attack. If true Fascism comes, there will be no right to protest. There will be only slavery."

Our course is clear. We must use our right to protest. We must bend all our efforts to see to it that the hoodlums in Detroit are brought to justice. But at the same time we must keep in sight, always, the main goal—the smashing of Fascism on its home grounds in Germany, Italy, and Japan.

We must be careful not to be distracted from the war in Europe by concentrating exclusively on the internal crisis here. This is exactly what the reactionary appeaser forces in the country are trying to have us do. In their desperation to serve Hitler and Hitlerism, they are going all-out to divide the American people, retarding production and thereby sabotaging the war effort.

It becomes of prime importance in this national crisis for all thinking Americans, particularly Negro people and other minorities, to discern clearly the role being played by reactionary appeasers in this inspired mob violence.

The winning of the war is still the paramount issue before the American people and the United Nations. Therefore, while we struggle, unrelentingly, against Hitlerism here, we must not for one moment allow ourselves to be distracted in the all-out support for President Roosevelt's policy of destruction of Hitlerism abroad.

The outrage perpetrated against the Negro people in Detroit confirmed our warning to the President that the moment for firm action to halt the upsurge of reaction and assure maximum war production had arrived. We are again repeating that warning. The time is almost past due for firm action against these enemies of the American people and of democracy.

As the anniversary of the struggle against tyranny and for the independence of the United States approaches, we are reminded of the role played by the reactionary interests of that day. Although far removed in time, the road is the same. Men existed in those days as they do today, who place personal interest and ambition above the nation's welfare and would betray their nation, so as to preserve their own personal gains.

The true patriots of the Thirteen Colonies triumphed in the end because their cause was just, because their cause was the cause of the people, the common man.

In this global war, our cause is just. It is the cause of the people and of the common man. Hitler and Hitlerism will be destroyed. Our cause will triumph in the end. But we must be ever watchful and alert to detect and destroy the enemies within.

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SOAPBOX -- by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

POWELL

THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK has spoken out at last. His words are well weighed and calculated to do a tremendous amount of good. This is as it should be and he is to be congratulated for his timely move to avert racial trouble in New York City.

However, it is one thing to speak and quite another to act.

Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., of Detroit, is the perfect example of a Do-nothing Politician who has the blood of hundreds of people, black and white, on his conscience! He has admitted he knew the riots were brewing, but used "special measures" to prevent the outbreaks.

His "special measures" included leaving the matter of easing the various city departments. This neglect on his part was criminal.

Our Mayor knows the pulse of New York. He knows there is unrest. He knows there are Domestic and Foreign Fascist agents who are doing their damndest to create racial strife in our city. He knows of the Hempstead, L. I., editor who advocates lynching. He knows of the K.K.K. and the American Firsters and if he makes the same mistake of letting various departments handle the matter alone—he may some day know the guilt of race riots.

Race riots are prevented by the united action of the people.

The Mayor of New York is right in speaking out—NOW HE MUST ACT! Or else he will exactly duplicate the spineless pattern of the Mayor of Detroit—but to date he is allowing personal animosity to jeopardize race relations in our town. On Tuesday, June 21st, at 5:11 p.m. I wired the Mayor and the Police Commissioner pointing out that there were several outbreaks in New York already and asking for an appointment for a committee of representative citizens to discuss easing of racial tension, so that Detroit would not be duplicated here. Up until today, one week later, there has not been received even the courtesy of a penny postcard in reply.

Is he going to wait until it is too late to setup an interracial commission? Does he think an increased police force will solve the problem? If he does he is wrong, because when the police step in it is too late. The problem has been created. All they can do is to bring it to a hasty conclusion. It wasn't so long ago that [illegible] in New York in Harlem. Several were killed. The Mayor appointed a committee then AFTER it was over. Even the findings of that committee have been buried and have not been allowed to be brought to the light. Why? Because that committee's report had dynamite in it. Dynamite that would blow the hell out of the heart of Domestic Fascism in New York City.

In the language of the great, good friend of Negro people, Newbold Morris, the "DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE IS ON TRIAL NOW. THE DAY IS TODAY AND THE PLACE IS NEW YORK CITY."

MAYOR LAGUARDIA STOP BEING A PRIMA DONNA! STOP BEING A SPOILED CHILD! GET RID OF YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX AND APPOINT NOW AN INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE OF NEGROES AND WHITES WHO REALLY REPRESENT THE MASSES AND WE WON'T HAVE A DETROIT IN NEW YORK.

Powell Says Mayor, Police Responsible for Peace

"If a riot breaks out here in New York," declared Councilman Powell speaking before City Council Thursday afternoon, "the blood of innocent people, white and Negro will rest upon the hands of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine, who have refused to see representative citizens to discuss means of combatting outbreaks in New York.

Powell's direct appeal to the city's governing body brought resolutions calling for the naming of a Council committee to investigate "groups or individuals who attempt to create racial or religious antagonism in New York City." The resolutions also called for proper legislation to meet conditions and causes.

SCORES POLICE BRUTALITY

Councilman Powell cited the long list of cases of police brutality toward Negroes which have either been ignored or "whitewashed." This he considered significant in view of the fact that all but a few of the 31 dead in Detroit were Negroes, and that the killings were done by the police.

Powell's impatience with the silence and delay of the Mayor and other public officials not only caused him to carry the matter to the Council but on the very same day he addressed a group of Negro and white citizens he had called to City Hall.

This gathering was attended by lawyers, members of the state and city law-making bodies, religious, social and racial organizations. This body heard reports on a succession of recent racial disturbances in and around the city, some that resulted in death and other acts that tended to riot and followed directly the nazi pattern of race disunity.

Plans were immediately laid and committees formed to combat and counteract any enemy or otherwise inspired rumor-mongering, racial antagonism or acts that might lead to riot. These plans also include positive measures to cement better race relations.

COMMITTEES FORMED

A number of committees were formed, the first, consisting of Dr. Warren Banner, National Urban League; Nancy David, City-Wide Citizens Committee; and Daniel Burroughs, State Assembly; which was to draw up a statement that would be the basis for other committees, discussions with the Mayor; FBI; Federal District Attorney; the Governor; Police Commissioner; and the Board of Education.

Special committees were set up to prepare material and to enlist the aid of press; theatre; radio; movie and any other industry of public education in meeting the threat to racial unity and the war effort. The churches and synagogues will also be called upon to dedicate services to this cause.

Heading and working on these committees were names such as Assemblyman Andrews and Jack; Duke Ellington, Canada Lee, Rex Ingram, Father LaFarge, the Revs. H. H. Eldridge, Robert Searl and S. Sweeney, Atty. George Minisee, Marion Warring, Anti-Nazi League; Ben Richardson, and others.

PV One Year Ago

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● *Mrs. Henrietta Miller, mother of Naval hero Dorie, paid Manhattan a brief visit appearing at several public meetings.*

● *Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt was the highlite speaker at a monster Unity for Victory rally at the Golden Gate Ballroom, which attracted 10,000.*

● *Legitimate drama circles were all agog over the coming to Broadway of OTHELLO, with Paul Robeson in the title role. P.S. It didn't happen.*

● *Willard Townsend of the UTSEA automatically become a member of the CIO Executive Board when his organization joined the major labor group.*

● *On the Sports front, Ed Gronidge had created a stir as the result of excellent performance in the AAU nationals. He finished 2nd in both dash events.*

HAVANA BOUND

Miss Ellen Irene Diggs of the Department of Sociology at Atlanta University, who was recently granted a maintenance fellowship from the Institute of International Education to study at the University of Havana, where she will take courses in anthropology.

Soviet Medical Society Hears Dr. George Cannon

Dr. George B. Cannon, prominent Harlem physician and president of the Manhattan Medical Society, was one of the outstanding medical authorities who spoke at the American-Soviet Medical Society dinner in honor of Dr. Vladimer V. Lebedenko, secretary-general of the Soviet Association of Surgeons, at the Hotel Pennsylvania recently.

Other physicians who occupied the dias were Dr. Walter D. Cannon, professor emeritus of physiology, Harvard; also Drs. Leo M. Davidoff, M. Diamond, Sophia Kleegman, Albert McCown, Thomas L. Perry, David D. Rutstein, Michael B. Shimkin and Henry E. Sigerist. Another speaker was Maurice Hindus, author of the current best seller.

MOTHER RUSSIA

Speakers revealed that in 25 years of untiring efforts, the Soviet Union has built up an impressive system of public health and medicine and that in hundreds of scientific research institutions, thousands of physicians and scientists are engaged in investigations, the results of which are little known in this country.

The American-Soviet Medical Society, founded for the exchange of medical information, invites as members all American physicians and those engaged in allied professions, who are interested in Soviet medicine.

NMU DENOUNCES STRIKES

The National Maritime Union issued recently a strong statement, signed by every top-ranking official in the organization, denouncing strikes as "against the best interests of America."

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THE NEGRO IN LATIN AMERICA

"Color Line Virtually Non-Existent in Brazil"

By HAROLD PREECE
(PV Special Correspondent)

BRAZIL DID NOT FREE her slaves until 1888—23 years after Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation in this country.

Yet Negroes in Brazil find themselves on a par with all their fellow citizens of our sister-democracy while Negroes in the United States must still fight to get a job in a factory or for the right to vote.

At least one Brazilian president—the distinguished Nilo Pecanha—had Negro blood in his veins. The whole country knew it and the whole country took it for granted.

Nilo Pecanha did his job well, and that was the only concern of Brazilians.

Nor would any Brazilian, naming his country's outstanding figures, omit the many Negroes who have helped to build Brazil into the second most important nation of the Western Hemisphere.

BRAZIL PROUD OF NEGROES

All Brazil is proud of Negroes such as the great lyric poets, Antonio Goncalves Dias and Jose Basilio da Gama; the philosopher, lawyer, and poet, Tobias Barretto; the sculptor, Antonio Francisco Lisboa, remembered under the popular name of Aleijadhino; the psychiatrist, Juliano Moreira, who salvaged many sick minds; and other colored men who gave of their best because Jim Crow wasn't around to strangle their best.

HELPED SAVE HIS COUNTRY

All Brazil knows the name of Henrique Dias, the Negro soldier who helped save his country from the invading Dutch, as all of us know the names of Paul Revere and Ulysses Grant. The former Portugese-Brazilian empire conferred the rank of nobility on Henrique Dias and made him a member of the exclusive Ordem do Christo (Order of Christ).

And if a Miss Brazil were ever selected, she would probably be one of the mixed-blood Negro girls known popularly as the morenas. The morena has come to be recognized as the ideal of feminine beauty, and the poets of races unite in praising her charms.

Under the equalitarian rule of Brazil, Negro culture has reached an advanced state that puts the United States to shame. Only one other country—Russia—has gone to such pains to protect traditional cultures of the different groups under her flags.

Negroes who do not care to accept the Portugese-Brazilian culture may practice, without fear of harm, the native traditions handed down for centuries from Africa. The remnants of the African cultures in our country is classed under the collective label of voodoo because those who adhered to African lore have been considered "outlandish" and "uncivilized."

But the African nature religions, although beginning to decline, still attract thousands of worshippers, particularly in the old city of Bahia. The African sects are even united through a central council to prevent racketeering and unorthodox practices.

AFRICAN DIALECTS HEARD

African dialects are still heard among the older people whose parents were brought from the mother continent. Some trading is still carried on between Negroes of Bahia and Negroes of Lagos, West Africa, a relatively short distance by ocean travel across the Atlantic. There is even some visiting of kinsmen back and forth on the two continents.

Now, Brazil is by no means a paradise. She has plenty of problems but these problems generally revolve around the unsettled and universal question of rich and rich and poor rather than the trumped-up, if serious question, of black and white.

NO COLOR LINE

The color line is virtually non-existent in Brazil because life has tended to wipe it out.

For one thing, the early Portugese settlers of Brazil were themselves a mixed-blood people. For centuries, Portugal was occupied by a highly civilized and cultured African people, the Moors, who left not only Semitic but negroid blood in the veins of those who finally drove them out.

The first Portugese settlers in Brazil married Indian women because few marriageable girls emigrated from the old country. Still later, Negroes were absorbed into the Portugese-Indian mixture and competent authorities say that most modern Brazilians carry the blood of at least two of the three races.

Then when the Brazilian sugar trust was destroyed by natural economic causes, power and prestige shifted from the Portugese country gentlemen to the mixed-blood peoples who had little time to bother about the color of a man's skin.

FOUGHT FOR RIGHTS

But the most important reason for the Negro's enviable position in Brazil is that all through slavery he kept on fighting to establish that position.

It was easier for the Negro to stage an organized fight in Brazil than it was in the United States. Captive Africans from the same tribes were generally sold together in Brazil whereas the Yankee traders split them up.

These members of the same tribes would then combine with enslaved members of other tribes, speaking the same dialects, for resistance to slavery.

The Mohammedan Hausas staged one revolt after the other and documents of this revolt, written in Arabic, can still be seen in Brazilian archives.

Fugitive Negroes organized independent communities called quilombos which carried on continuous guerilla warfare against marauding whites. One of these quilombos, Palmares, developed an extensive trade and forced the colonial government to sign an unkept treaty of peace with it.

It might do well for the dominant white world to begin thinking of making and keeping treaties with the non-white world. And that dominant white world might very well follow the example of Brazil in this whole business of race.

THEY LIT UP LIBERIA

Pete shows Harold Preece (left) and Arthur Hayman co-authors of "Lighting Up Liberia," recently published by Creative Age Press. Mr. Preece is a roving correspondent of PV.—Leja Gerska foto.

Spanish-Negro Celebration Marks Liberation of Compos

One of the biggest and most colorful rallies Park Palace has seen in years was staged last Friday night when the Spanish and Negro people of lower West Harlem turned out to celebrate the liberation of Albizu Compos, leader of Puerto Rico's Nationalist Party, from Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

The rally was held while Compos lay in Columbus Hospital in almost critical condition resulting from 7 long years of imprisonment.

This Harvard graduate and brilliant Puerto Rican political leader was thrown into prison because of his unrelenting efforts to bring his country its long-sought independence.

FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM

Ever since his imprisonment strong Latin-American forces have agitated and made appeals to the United States for is freedom.

The Spanish Unification Committee of New York, composed of 21 Spanish-speaking organizations, took this occasion to call for passage of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill; to protest the State Department's appeasement of the pro-Nazi government of Spain; and to start a campaign to stop the deportation to Franco Spain of the great anti-fascist leader of Argentina, Victorio Codevilla.

According to resolutions passed by the audience the demand for independence was made both on the expressed wish of the Puerto Rican people and the principle of self-determination contained in the Atlantic Charter.

The freeing of 2 million Puerto Ricans will help unify around the banner of the United Nations the many millions of colonial and darker peoples who now watch closely America's treatment of its colored minorities, it was urged.

The purposes of the meeting were forcefully brought forth in speeches by Representative Vito Marcantonio, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Juan Antonio Corretjer, secretary of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party; who was imprisoned with Compos; Fausta Mercado, head of the Harlem Puerto Rican Association, and Cyril Philip, leading official of the Lower Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

A colorful feature of the affair was the appearance of a drum corps of Puerto Rican youth from the International Workers' Order. These youngsters of every color, gaily uniformed, and carrying flags and banners, thundered through the house as the audience stood. They were followed by a choral group who sang a number of Puerto Rican folk songs.

World War I Vets Refused Legion Charter in Alabama

(PV'S SOUTHERN BUREAU)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Negro veterans of World War I seeking an American Legion charter were cold-shouldered by the Alabama Supreme Court when, in upholding a decision of the Jefferson County Circuit Court, it ruled that the Alabama department of the Legion may refuse to issue a charter for a new post.

Fortune: Race Relations Must Improve, Or Else

Today's racial troubles will be nothing to what may occur if Negroes and whites insist go back to their old status after the war, FORTUNE magazine declares in its July issue.

The magazine asserts that unless plans for postwar employment are made now, there will be few jobs, and whites will hang on to most of them, "and the Negro can hardly avoid interpreting the systematic displacement of his race as a contradiction of everything he has been told the war was fought for."

Union activity, FORTUNE declares, has done much to increase the unity between Negro and white. Since 1935, nearly one million white southerners have joined trade unions with 100,000 Negroes.

BUY A WAR BOND

PV Receives Eye Witness Account of Detroit Riot

Detroit, Mich.
Tuesday, June 22

TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME: The past 36 hours in this city have passed to the tune of guns fire, brick bats and tear gas—the hours after dark have seemed interminable to those of us who could only sit behind locked doors and drawn curtains and listen to this symphony of death and destruction.

This morning, the radio described the riot as the worst since E. St. Louis in 1917. That I can believe, altho I wasn't in E. St. Louis. I am living one block east of Woodward av., a main thoroughfare dividing the city north and south. On Sunday Woodward av. became "no man's land." We here, one block away, could only hope that the whites would not get across that stretch of neutral territory.

ZIG-ZAG BEGINS

The whites who dared to drive thru our particular "battlefront" were stoned and late yesterday afternoon, I saw a car careen down the street, its driver unconscious at the wheel. The crazy zig-zag of that car before it crashed a few door away seemed to me to describe more graphically than words can tell the pattern of this whole mad affair.

The "zig-zag" began for me Sunday evening. It had been a blazing hot day and we decided to pick up a friend from N. Y., John Kirby, and get a cool drink somewhere. We paid no attention to the crowds lining the streets. They looked like the usual Sunday recreation-seekers. But in less time that it takes to say it, we were in the midst of a brick-hurling mob—streetcars were being bombarded and white car drivers snatched from automobiles and beaten.

KIRBY BARRICADED

Before we could get to shelter, the police attacked with tear gas bombs and I began to realize what was happening. We finally managed to get back to our car, but Kirby, who looks white, was not permitted to leave shelter and he has been barricaded there until this afternoon.

Once we got out of the "valley" (which can no longer be called "Paradise Valley"), we were besieged on every mad light by Negroes telling the most exaggerated stories of the events leading to the outbreak—that two Negro women had been murdered at the local beach resort—that a white sailor (or soldier or marine) had thrown a Negro baby into the Detroit River after striking its mother. There were many versions of these rumors which spread like wildfire thru the Negro district.

There was, of course, no thought of sleep. We sat as close to the windows as we dare and watched the police patrol with sawed-off shot guns and other weapons. By Monday, it was obvious that the fighting had just begun altho our district seemed to have quieted down almost to normal. . . . But this calm before the real storm did not even last long enough for us to take a nap. By 8 o'clock Monday, the buses had been bombarded off the streets—not a trolley car could be heard (or seen) and the whites were no longer able to drive in safety thru the Negro districts.

DRIVES THRU MOB

Daisy Lampkin (NAACP field secretary) arrived from Grand Rapids shortly after 8 a.m. and had a nightmare ride thru the downtown section where Negroes who had crossed "no man's land" were immediately seized and beaten by whites.

Gloster Current of the local branch NAACP called about 10:30 and asked me to come to the office to help out with the telephone calls, reports and cases pouring in there. I told him I would do so only in an automobile. By this time I was in no condition to run and I wasn't taking any chances. We drove thru the looting, fighting and howling mob and by the time we reached the office five blocks away from my residence, I was a complete nervous wreck.

How I ever took down Walter Lance, I'll never know, for while I was on the phone, I could hear bricks crashing against cars and White's statement over long distance windows, glittering headlines screaming, and the hysterical laughter of the women who were taking a full share of the battle of hate.

PROTECT WHITE MAN

After we got Mr. White's statement, Gloster and I went across the street to Dr. McClendon's office to be driven to a meeting of civic officials and civic leaders at the Negro YWCA. The doctor had agreed to rescue the white druggist in his office building. I was put in the front seat and Gloster and the white man, who looked like a ghost, sat in the back. The drive from Mack's office to "no man's land" is about three-and-a-half blocks. It seemed three miles to me.

LUCILLE BLACK

The presence of the white man in the car made us the target of abuse and threats from the mob lining the streets and at one red light, a woman with a crazy face and blood-red eyes came up to the car window where I sat and demanded that the white man be let out of the car.

I got down on my knees, vocally, and kept talking, but fast, until the light turned green. The mob-woman called us some very fancy names. Mack drove as close as was safe to Woodward av and we put the white man out in the middle of the street to make his own way. He expressed undying gratitude, but what we were interested in at that moment was getting back into the "black" territory, and boy, was it good to be Negro at that moment! (Light-skinned Negroes put white flags on their cars.)

MAYOR A WEAKLING

We passed thru streets lined with looted stores and burning automobiles and after a hectic ride, arrived at the Y. The weakling Mayor was there with the chief of police and others of the official staff. R. J. Thomas, the great UAW-CIO leader was also present with representatives of the trade unions and other civic groups.

For a while it seemed that the meeting itself would turn into a riot. There was a split opinion as to whether state troops and federal help should be called upon to bring the peace. The police admitted they could not cope with the situation and a resolution was finally passed calling for aid of the state troopers. The admission by the police of their inability to quell the rioting brought home to those present the fact that the rest of this hot Monday would bring only more and more violence. We would only hope that troops would arrive by nightfall.

Dr. Mack decided that we should all return to our homes and try to keep in touch with each other by telephone. Gloster had the task of getting Mrs. Lampkin and me to our respective residences. Since we did not want to get too close to white neighborhoods, it was agreed that I would walk the two blocks from Hamilton st to John R where I am living, two blocks east of the three dividing block Detroit from the whites. My knees trembled the entire length of the walk through shattered glass and belligerent Negroes. Now I know what the last mile is like.

SNIPER GUN BATTLE

The rest of the day was spent in watching the mob in action from the second story window of the apartment and listening to radio reports. About 4 o'clock, the police engaged in a gun battle with a group of Negroes who were looting a grocery store across the street. Even a mob knows that bullets can't win against bullets and most of the crowd cut-did Jesse Owens. From then on, it was relatively quiet on the block.

The radio announced early that a 10 o'clock curfew would be enforced by state and army troops then enroute to the city. There was still no thought of sleep but hopes for an end to the rioting were a little brighter.

Through all of last night we listened to gunfire and when a fresh wind broke the heat about midnight, the breezes brought occasional whiffs of burning gasoline, gun powder and tear gas.

TROOPS ARRIVE

The troops with full battle equipment seemed to have got things under control and when the sun came up, the wreckage-strewn streets of our neighborhood were quiet. People started out for work in good numbers; the buses were running; white traffic began again and the tension was decreasing slightly, except when in some deep Negro neighborhoods where presence of the troops will, of course, be resented.

LUCILLE BLACK.

WRITES INDEPENDENCE DAY POEM

Langston Hughes, renowned poet and author, who never fails to make his contribution with his virulent pen to the liberation of mankind.

BEAUMONT TO DETROIT: 1943

By LANGSTON HUGHES

LOOKY here, America,
What you done done—
Let things drift
Until the riots come.

Now your policemen
Let the mobs run free.
I reckon you don't care
Nothing about me.

You tell me that hitler
Is a mighty bad man.
I guess he took lessons
From the ku klux klan.

You tell me mussolini's
Got an evil heart.
Well, it sure-a been in Beaumont
That he had his start—
Cause everything that hitler
And mussolini do
Negroes get the same
Treatment from you.

You jim crowed me
Before hitler rose to power—
And you're STILL jim crowing me
Right now, this very hour.

Yet you say we're fighting
For democracy.
Then why don't democracy
Include me?

I ask you this question
Cause I want to know
How long I got to fight
BOTH HITLER—AND JIM CROW.

MOM AND POP ARE SOOO PROUD!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drayton, Sr., 900 Home St, Bronx, parents of Lt. Charles Drayton, jr., who led a squadron of 99th Pursuit fighter planes in an air battle against Nazi planes over Pantelleria, June 18, look at picture album crammed with snapshots of their flying son. "He was always fooling around with planes," Mrs. Drayton told PV last week.—Cecil Layne photo.

LOCAL HERO

First Lieut. Charles Drayton, jr. dood it. He made the daily paper headlines when he led the boys of the 99th Pursuit squadron in an air skirmish, June 18. Recently wrote his mother he was "very busy."

Bronx Mother Proud of Flying Son Who Led 99th in Pantelleria Battle —

By NELL DODSON

"I'm so proud and thankful, and so happy!"

These were the words with which Mrs. Charles Dryden of the Bronx greeted the news in the daily papers that her son, First Lieut. Charles W. Dryden, jr., had led a squadron in an air battle against German planes over Pantelleria, June 18.

"He's always been interested in planes," Mrs. Dryden said. "He was always making them and fooling around with them!"

Charles Junior's habit of "fooling around" with planes stood him in good stead in the skirmish above the clouds.

ATTACKED BY NAZIS

On the afternoon of June 18, a flight of six P-40 pursuit planes led by Lieut. Dryden, was attacked over Pantelleria by 12 German FW 190s. The nazi planes were escorting bombers attempting to raid the island. Ten German fighter planes were also in the raiding enemy squdron.

According to an Associated Press report, the boys from the 99th damaged two of the fighter planes and forced the others to high-tail it back to their home field.

FLIERS COMMENDED

Secretary of War Stimson stated the 99th Fighter Squadron had "weathered its first aerial combat very creditably."

Meanwhile, at Lieut. Dryden's home, 900 Home st, his mother and his sister, Pauline, 11, are awaiting some word from Charles whom they haven't heard from in over three weeks.

"The last time he wrote by V-mail," Mrs. Dryden said, "he told us he was very busy!"

We agree, Charles has been VERY busy.

NURSES CLOSE SEASON

The N.Y. Local Association of the Colored Graduate Nurses brought its business meetings to a close for the season with a meeting at the YWCA last Friday evening, at which time Dr. Gerald Spencer gave a talk on "The Nurse and Cosmetology," and Miss M. Eugene Holmes, a native of Monrovia, Liberia, now attending N.Y. University, spoke on the need for medical service in Africa.

"WE HAVE not yet won independence from falling into the old employers trap of setting one group of workers against another."

—Read—

LEO HUBERMAN'S

Article on Page 16

We Can't Win This Way! Business Woman Beaten

On Sunday, June 27, Mayor LaGuardia, in his weekly broadcast over WNYC warned the people of New York against "snakes" who would stir up race hatred among the many races living together as good neighbors.

Police Commissioner Valentine has stated his office will investigate any cases of alleged police brutality.

On Saturday, June 26, at 1:20 a. m., Lillian Fernandez, 1184 Fulton ave., Brooklyn, proprietress of one of the boro's outstanding Mrs. Fernandez beauty parlors, a taxpayer and owner of the four-story building in which the shop is located, was closing the store for the night.

Overhearing an altercation between a Negro and white motorist across the street, she crossed over, together with three of her co-workers to see the cause of the disturbance.

CROWD GATHERED

Before crossing, she heard a shot and saw a man, whom she later learned was a detective, with a pistol in his hand. The sound of the shoot brought a crowd, including two uniformed patrolmen.

Miss Fernandez states she stood on the edge of the crowd and heard the white motorist say: "All you n—r's should be lined up against a wall and shot. Hitler would know what to do with you in Germany."

She remarked to friends: "Imagine a man saying a thing like that in the presence of 2 policemen! It's a shame!"

She charges that the same detective who fired the shot, Charles Holt of the Brooklyn Burglary Squad (East) seized her and told her she was under arrest.

Miss Fernandez states that when she asked what she had done, the detective struck her on the left side of the mouth, kicked her on the leg, and put steel niggers on her arm, forcing her into a car at the same time.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

She was taken to Precinct 78, booked on a charge of disorderly conduct and was later bailed out by David Lane, Brooklyn undertaker.

In Stuyvesant ave. magistrate's court on Monday, Officer Holt told Magistrate Joseph B. Glebocki he fired a shot into the air WHEN HE SAW SOME COLORED PEOPLE GATHER AS HE FEARED THERE WAS GOING TO BE A RIOT!

He stated there were only THREE PERSONS ARRESTED WHEN THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TWENTY-FIVE. He repeatedly used the word "colored" to explain the quality of the crowd.

The case was adjourned to July 6. Miss Fernandez will be represented by Hope R. Stevens and Donald Crichton, attorneys for the National Negro Congress and the NAACP respectively.

Washington Fights Rumors:

Keep Your Mouth Shut Is Anti-Riot Advice

WASHINGTON—The Department of Social Welfare of the Washington Federation of Churches last week began an organized campaign here to enlist public support in off-setting apparently well-planned rumors used in every riot center thru-out the country to perpetrate and hasten serious racial disturbances.

According to a statement released by the Federation, the Federation, the rumors that spread like wildfire thru the Nation's Capital during the week of May 3-9 just preceding the parade and mass meeting sponsored by the Committee On Jobs for Negroes in Public Utilities, were not just "ordinary gossip."

"Some group of persons deliberately spread the rumors that Negroes were planning to riot during the parade protesting the failure of the Capital Transit Company to hire Negro motormen and conductors.

RUMORS IN TEXAS

Just as the rumor of the alleged rape of a white woman by a Negro set off the Beaumont, Texas shipyard riots and the rumors of a Negro mother and two children assaulted by whites started the train of bloodshed leading to the Detroit disgrace, so did the planted stories of a Negro riot flood Washington.

Word of "coming trouble" was passed by:

- guards in public buildings as people went home from work;
- cab drivers to their fares;
- public transportation employees;
- department store workers;
- persons in public places.

Also fighting the rumor-evil is the Minorities Workshop, which prepared and distributed pamphlets addressed to the citizens of the city intelligently asking both Negroes and white not to repeat rumors.

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Bruce About Face Comes Too Late!

Herbert L. Bruce, Tammany leader of the 21 A.D., who has long been identified as a rabid hater of Tammany Hall's leader, Michael J. Kennedy, did a sudden right about face in a futile effort to save himself from the certain defeat he is going to suffer at the hands of Raymond Jones, the people's candidate for this Harlem post.

The reversal made by Bruce, who has done nothing to warrant re-election, came too late. The committee of the people, headed by Adam Clayton Powell and Dr. Leslie M. Brown, is going forward with its campaign to elect the candidate of the Carver Democratic Club—Raymond Jones, and to designate a co-leader.

We don't quite know, but it seems that Bruce made the peace—Tammany gave the pipe to the Carver Democrats and they are blowing smoke in Bruce's face.

INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETINGS TO THE NEGRO PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FROM THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND CHAIN STORE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 1250, C.I.O.

The following telegram was sent to President Roosevelt on June 23rd, 1943:

"In the name of 8000 members of our organization, I strongly urge you to take immediate steps to bring to the bar of justice those who are responsible for the recent anti-Negro riots in Detroit and in other parts of our country. These fifth column activities are no doubt fomented by anti-democratic anti-war elements in these various localities. Only forthright action by the Federal Government can put a stop to these disgraceful acts committed against the Negro citizens of our communities. Any action taken by you as Commander-in-Chief will no doubt have the wholehearted approval of every right-thinking American, black and white."

This telegram expresses our earnest desire to establish genuine unity between the Negro and white people of our country in the prosecution of the war.

We strongly urge the Negro and white members of our Union to be ever vigilant against any provocation from any source whatsoever and give full support to our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt, both on the home and battle fronts.

On this day of Independence in commemoration of *Crispus Attucks who was the first to give his life so that this country may be free*, we rededicate ourselves to intensify our activities and unite all the people of our community, black and white, in the present world-wide struggle for freedom.

Fraternally yours,
BENJAMIN L. GUDES, *President*.

UNCOVER AND PUNISH THE FASCIST GANG!

Unite to Win the War!

The International Fur & Leather Workers Union, CIO, Joint Board of Fur Dressers & Dyers and the Furriers Joint Council join with the entire organized labor movement in expressing our strongest condemnation of those who incite and foment race riots. Undoubtedly, the race riots in Detroit, Michigan; Beaumont, Texas; and Los Angeles, California, were deliberately organized and provoked by agents of Hitlerism. Agents of the fascist Axis are trying to stave off the second front invasion of Europe and complete defeat for the fascist tyrants at the hands of the joint forces of our country, Great Britain and Soviet Russia, by creating disunity in our ranks and demoralization of morale and production in our war effort. They use fascist methods of inciting white against Negro, native born against foreign born, Christain against Jew. The Ku Klux Klan, Christain Fronters, Coughlinites and other fascist elements are the base for this Nazi conspiracy.

The progressive labor movement, particularly, has always fought against these enemies of democracy and of the people. Race hatred cannot be tolerated for a single instant. Our Union and its affiliates throughout the country have already telegraphed President Roosevelt and the United States Attorney General urging that our government take immediate, drastic steps to uncover the Axis agents behind these race riots and punish them, to put a halt to police brutality and discrimination that has been used against the Negro people in many communities and to make the incitement of race hatred a crime punishable by law.

For the exposure and punishment of the fascist race-baiters guilty of violence and inciting riots, the International Fur & Leather Workers Union, the Joint Board of Fur Dressers & Dyers and the Furriers Joint Council and all our members will cooperate with organized labor, with the Negro people and with every decent American.

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No. 106. DENTAL NURSES GUILD

ALL MUST FIGHT TOGETHER TO BEAT HITLER'S AXIS POWERS AND MAINTAIN THE GREAT HERITAGE OF CRISPUS ATTUCKS AND DR. GEORGE W. CARVER.

"Labor unity will defeat appeasement and bring victory in '43."

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Local 1225, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO
—80 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

For Unity to Help Win the War

The Training of Negro Radio Technicians for winning the war is equal to the training of others, and we join with the Negro People in honoring Crispus Attucks, the first Man to die for Independence of the United States.

JOSEPHINE TIMMS, Secretary,
The American Communications Association,
5 Beekman Street, New York City.

GREETINGS:

May this 4th of July mark the turning point for the "real" liberation and equal opportunity for all minority peoples who equally share the burdens and sacrifices for the defeat of fascism abroad and at home.

FURRIERS JOINT COUNCIL OF NEW YORK
Morris Pinchowsky, Recording Secretary.

The Negro, Labor and July 4, 1943

THE 4th OF JULY 1943!

Independence Day this year does not bring hope nor cheer for minorities nor for labor. These are dark days for the common man. The Negro and labor have received the greatest setbacks ever experienced. Today the heart of America weeps and the tread of labor resounds with a heaviness born of dispair. Democracy has betrayed both and, thereby, betrayed itself.

The Detroit riots, the overriding of the Presidential veto of the Smith-Connally Bill were accomplished by the same forces. This Nation is virtually in the midst of a civil war now. The "solid south" is not only denying the Negro and labor their most elementary rights, but the northern Republicans have joined their camp of un-American domestic Fascism.

● ON THE SPOT EYE WITNESSES OF THE DETROIT DISGRACE STATE THAT THE HOODLUMS WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY SOUTHERNERS.

● AN ANALYSIS OF THE DEMOCRATS WHO OVER-RODE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO SHOWS THAT THEY CAME FROM THE SOUTH, EXCEPT FOR THREE IN THE SENATE AND FOUR IN THE HOUSE.

WHY THEN DOES THE PRESIDENT CONTINUE TO CODDLE THAT SECTION OF AMERICA WHICH IS NOT ONLY AGAINST THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF THIS WAR, THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OUR LAND, BUT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF?

Sorry days have come upon the White House. Not one clear ringing word was heard in the midst of the national humiliation of Detroit. On this 4th of July we urge the President to speak! Speak those words which Black America has listened for in vain for the past months! Speak those words which are necessary to purge the conscience of white America from the bloody stains left thereon by Hitler's bully-boys in Detroit! Unless these words are spoken this 4th of July, there will be no politician nor promise which can hold the vote in line for 1944.

Negro America and the conscience of white America ask no more from the President than his forthright clear veto of the Smith-Connally Bill. He knew when he wrote that veto that all was lost. He knew that even Southern liberals like Pepper of Florida were going against him, but he took a stand. Labor will not forget. That's all we want now—for the President of the U. S. to take a stand on the question, "whether America shall be governed by democratic laws or by the Ku Klux Klan?" If he does, he will not only be applauded by the Negro, he will be applauded by labor; and by the majority of white people both North and South. On the other hand, if he does not, future historians will record him as one who in the midst of his greatest crisis did not have the guts to keep on slugging.

THE NATION, BLACK AND WHITE, AWAITS THE FOURTH OF JULY 1943 SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mayor La Guardia Urged to Appoint Committee

DAWSON SPEAKS:

"New Declaration Should Free World from Tyrannies"

By WILLIAM L. DAWSON
Member of Congress from Illinois

CLIMAXING A BITTER revolutionary war to establish the principles of freedom in a new land, the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, issued the Declaration of Independence, declaring the Colonies forever free from imperialistic domination. From every country came the men and women of every race, nationality and religion to these new shores, seeking to be a part and parcel of that new freedom.

Today that nation, the United States of America, the mightiest on earth, is engaged with her allies in a new war to establish new freedoms throughout the world, and the descendants of these who came from every country of every race, nationality and religion are fighting under the flag of the United States of America.

It is altogether fitting and proper that on this Independence Day we, the people of America, rededicate ourselves to the principles upon which this nation was founded; that we take a renewed determination to see that freedom from Want, Fear, and of Speech and Worship shall be the right of every person dwelling upon the face of the earth. Let us face the future confident in the knowledge that if we fight for the right of all people to be free, we win for ourselves in our fight for freedom at home the aid of all other free peoples.

Let us join hands with men of every race, color, creed and religion to the end that when this war will have ended, there will be born a Universal Peace out of which will issue a new Declaration of Independence, freeing humanity forever from the tyrannies of dictatorship.

Vito Marcantonio:

MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM NEW YORK

THE RESULT of anti-Negro riots in various sections of country in the last ten days not have been more disastrous if planned by Hitler himself. The Domestic Fascists who fomented these riots have helped Hitler by retarding vital War Production, impairing the morale of our armed forces and injuring National Unity.

The attempt of Martin Dies and some misguided Department of Justice officials to find the cause for these outbreaks in pro-Japanese activity among the Negro people is dangerous hooey. It is an excuse for not dragging the real culprits into jails and before the courts and punishing them for murder.

The American people, in the interest of winning the war, must tolerate no such excuses. We must urge the Commander-in-Chief of our nation to speak out against racial intolerance, to guarantee full protection of the Negro people. This is essential to winning the war.

We must redouble our energies to pass the anti-poll tax bill, the anti-Lynching bill and to make FEPC work effectively and speedily to accomplish full utilization of Negro manpower for Victory.

The Home Front is in danger. Every American must rally—as did the Russian people at Stalingrad—to strike down the Fascist enemy within our borders.

A. Philip Randolph:

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, BSCP OF AF OF L

I CONSIDER that the official Jim Crow of the Negro by the Federal Government itself in the armed forces, the Government Departments and Defense Industries is the major cause of the wave of race riots sweeping the Country . . . The basic remedy lies in bringing this whole question of race into the open by Radio, Movie, Page Advertisements, Editorials, Special Articles and Public Forum.

Negro and white citizens should hold Mass Meetings and set up People's Committees, to wait on the mayors and governors and demand the creation of Commissions on Race . . .

When Race riots break out Negro and White citizens should demand that the President send Negro and white troops to the riot area, since more Negroes have been killed by the police in every riot than by any other means.

The failure of the government to take strong measures now to stop Race Riots is a blow to the cause of the United Nations' fight to destroy anti-fascist slavery.

Channing Tobias:

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY YMCA COUNCIL

RIOTOUS ATTACKS upon Negroes in America are directly traceable to a double standard of citizenship that is officially recognized by our Government, and notably illustrated in the complete and unique segregation of Negroes in the armed forces.

This creates a depreciated personality on the part of the Negro, who is one-tenth of the nation. As long as this is true, lynchings and mob attacks will continue to flourish.

Radical as it may sound, there is only one way to reach this situation, and that is by insisting upon a single standard of citizenship, officially recognized and enforced by the Government.

The time to insist upon this is right now, because the effort to crush the forces of fascism throughout the world is being thwarted by these outbreaks of fascism at home. Extraordinary measures are possible now that may not be possible later.

James S. Watson:

JUSTICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

THE ENEMY inspired race riots have larger aspects than diversion of manpower from vital war production and destruction of morale. They are designed to embarrass this nation in regard to its contention that together with the other United Nations it is fighting to preserve the principles of democracy.

Every agency of the government and every believer in true democracy should cooperate to eradicate this pernicious evil to the end that the war may be speedily won and an early and enduring peace attained.

Philip Murray:

PRESIDENT, CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

THE C.I.O. from its inception has resolutely set its face against discrimination on grounds of creed, color or nationality. Much of our success in organizing millions of American workers, white and Negro, is due to this basic tenet expressed in our constitution and in the constitution of our affiliated Unions.

In a war for the freedom and for the very survival of all our people it becomes even more necessary to preserve the basis of all democracy, not alone as a matter of justice, but as a measure essential to victory. For these reasons the C.I.O. joins with all true Americans in condemning discrimination against the Negro people and in expressing its loathing of mob violence practiced against them.

Dean Dixon:

FAMED SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEADER

OURS IS NOT the voice in the wilderness anymore—it is the voice touching every home in American today, crying out for JUSTICE.

There is no longer time to sidestep the racial question. In a democracy every life is precious. I therefore call upon you, Americans, to stop this horrible, inhuman bloodshed and killing. You can't stop the Axis except by guns and death, but you can stop, by righteous indignation, unthinking Americans from committing these barbarous acts.

Let every American take a solemn oath, an OATH OF SANITY, not to be drawn into any act of racial violence.

Lester Granger:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAT'L URBAN LEAGUE

EVEN MORE shameful than the riots in Detroit is the fact that similar riots might break out any moment in anyone of a dozen American cities. This is a damning commentary on the present state of race relations in a country engaged in a war for Democracy. It will be a test of white and Negro leadership as to whether enlightened, unselfish and courageous action can be taken to the end that Detroit will not happen again.

Around the country Negro and white citizens must join hands immediately to remove present causes, riot-making material, and to build a kind of unity that will remove the very possibility of future riots.

C. L. Alexander

USO SECRETARY HARLEM CENTER

My Number One recommendation would be for the Federal Government to take the initiative and start with the Army and Navy. Create a mixed regiment of volunteers, including officers and enlisted men, and follow the same pattern with the Navy.

"Act Together Now for Unity, Protection, Victory"—Yergan

CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

THE ANTI-NEGRO, anti-war riot in Detroit held one clear lesson for New York City. That foul beast of murder and destruction must not fall upon this city.

The best interests of the Negro people as well as continued unity for production to win the war all demand that any outbreak of violence be prevented in this city.

Negro and white working people have common interests. They must not permit themselves to be made the cats paw of the vicious enemies of Negro and white unity. To my fellow Negroes I say that this is the one purpose of those who have made the riots in Detroit and elsewhere.

New York City is overwhelmingly filled with decent people—white and Negro. The Mayor should immediately call a most representative number of them to assist him in the task of preventing the disruptive fringe of Hitler from accomplishing their foul and murderous purpose of defeat and destruction in our midst.

Let the city authorities at once take firm action against the known FIFth Columnist inciters of violence.

Let employers and others, aided by public opinion, rise to the occasion and remove all discrimination against the Negro people. Instead of violence, New York City can demonstrate the greatest unity between whites and Negroes. Instead of disruption, defeat and destruction, New York City can build greater production and effort to win the war.

Citizens, Negro and white, labor and all, and also Mr. Mayor it is for us to act together now for unity, for protection and victory for all, and for our common victory.

"It Must Not Happen Here"—Say Leaders

UNION LEADER SPEAKS:

"Divided Workers Cannot Achieve Full Independence"

By LEO HUBERMAN
Director of Public Relations of the National Maritime Union

THIS ARTICLE was supposed to be about the part played by Labor in winning independence for the United States. But just as I sat down to write, the news came of the race riots in Detroit.

That makes my assignment extremely difficult. For the story of what happened in Detroit proves that true independence has not yet been won for the United States.

We have not yet won independence from the most vicious of all Fascism's lies—that one race is superior to another.

We have not yet won independence from the idea that it is possible for white workers to gain economic security, a decent life, and freedom for themselves alone—while Negro workers are left without these things. (Karl Marx told us, correctly, over seventy-five years ago, that, "labor with a white skin can never be free while labor with a black skin is branded").

We have not yet won independence from the notion that suppression of one minority—even if it could be justified which it can never be—can be kept within bounds. Who drinks at the stream of Negro discrimination drinks in other poisons as well. From Negro-baiting to Jew-baiting is one short step. And the steps to violent civil war follow automatically.

We have not yet won independence from falling into the old employers' trap of setting off one group of workers against another. Even within the ranks of Labor today, in 1943, eighty years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Negroes in some unions are discriminated against by those unions' own constitutions!

We have not yet won independence from the Fascists' "secret weapon" of disrupting our efforts to wage this People's War through inflaming one section of the population against the other. Beaumont and Detroit are the work of fascist agents, bought and paid by Berlin, to smash the march toward the goal of the Four Freedoms.

It would be good to write about the part played by Labor in winning independence for the United States. But that independence has not yet been won. To Labor's everlasting credit—particularly CIO labor—let it be said that it is the most active force fighting for equality and independence. Labor realizes that the fight can be won — permanently — only if this People's War is won. To that end we must bend all our efforts.

Ben Davis:

SECRETARY-TREASURER
THE DAILY WORKER

THE OUTRAGE against the Negro people of Detroit was part of an organized Fascist conspiracy against not only the Negroes but the entire war effort. This was unquestionably engineered to help Hitler out of his military hole in Europe and also to help divide our population into hundreds of warring units on the basis of race, color, and creed.

This sort of thing must be stopped and it can only be done by the authorities of our Federal government and state governments' dealing a firm hand to put down all of the lawless attacks against Negroes, against Jews, and against other minority groups.

This means guaranteeing to the Negroes, equality of opportunity as free and equal Americans to participate in all phases of our victory effort, whether in civilian life or in the armed forces.

This means further suppression of the Ku Klux Klan and the suppression of all anti-semitic gangs, and the jailing and prosecution of all those forces in Detroit and elsewhere in the country who are responsible for this type of insurrection against our nation and against our war effort.

This must not happen in New York! The great June 7th meeting showed that the Negro people and the labor movement and fair-minded white citizens are anxious to cooperate on the basis of victory in the war and freedom and equality for all American citizens.

It means also that there must be the greatest unity of Negro citizens and white citizens, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants, toward the common goal of freedom and victory, in which we are all committed and in which we are all giving our lives and our blood.

Unity is the watchword, and through unity we can conquer the enemy abroad and the enemy at home.

Joseph C. Morris:

COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
NEW YORK CITY

I AGREE with People's Voice that racial conflicts divert manpower from war production and cripples morale. Each such outbreak represents another victory by the Axis enemy in the Battle for America, as significant and helpful for them as though won with planes and tanks and guns and the deadly submarine.

But what fills those who love America with chagrin, shame and sorrow is that so few of those entrusted by its people with guiding the destinies of the country and guarding its peace, denounce color and racial prejudice which are now so rampant.

There are unfortunately always those around and about us ready to do the dirty work of the Axis enemy. Our legally constituted leaders, public officials, guardians of the peace and truly public spirited citizens—and each group should include Negro as well as white representatives—should therefore be even more vigilant and determined to see that a misguided few, led by even fewer men of ill-will, do not undermine and wreck the structure of justice and fairplay on which America was founded and upon which it hopes to build a future still greater than its past.

The only way this can be done is for prompt, concerted, preventive measures, threshed out on the anvil of goodwill conferences, to be applied in the danger zones wherever the inflammable material exists.

Hubert T. Delany:

JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

WITHIN THE PAST five years, thousands of people have by letter or conference with me, predicted the riots that have recently occurred and still others which we hope will not come.

The consensus of their opinion is that Negroes, both within the Army and civilian life, expected that out of this war for equality would come better treatment for the Negro American. Instead, there has been relatively more Jim Crow, segregation, abuse, and injustice, both in industry and in the armed forces itself.

The Negro has become restive and disillusioned. He feels that there are many Americans who would rather lose the war and deal with Hitler than to grant Negroes full equality. The masses of Negroes cannot be convinced that Americans really want to crush Hitlerism abroad unless they are willing to crush Hitlerism at home at the same time.

Thoughtful Negro citizens and whites, who really understand what Negroes are today suffering, realize that the first step in preventing further disunity and bloodshed is a statement from the President in the stern language necessary to convince the American people that this country will no longer tolerate the abuse of one-tenth of its loyal and industrious population by the Hitlers within America.

He is the one man who can and should state to the people of America that the day of dual citizenship has passed and that henceforth all Americans who are being asked to sacrifice their lives for equality will secure that equality in fact rather than in theory.

Edward E. Strong:

NAT'L SECRETARY
NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS

THERE is the disturbing factor that the Detroit outbreak is being described universally as a race riot which, in my opinion, plays into the hands of the reactionary forces.

It seems to me that we were confronted with an organized insurrection, planned, led and executed by fascist centers, such as the Klan, the Gerald K. Smith forces, etc.

To characterize this open and treasonable revolt as a race riot is to exonerate the fascist and to place the responsibility upon the masses of people.

TEAM WORK—This U. S. Sub lookout team—Donald Snyder, torpedoman's mate, (left) and Joseph Crow steward's mate, are here shown after they had been de rated with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.—INS fr

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Dear Sir:

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RE: REV. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL Jr.
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Enclosed are two photostatic copies of a letter addressed to the Honorable members of the City Council, City Hall, New York, dated July 3, 1943, concerning Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR., City Councilman, signed "A Former Associate of POWELL."

The above-mentioned letter was furnished this Office under post date of July 6, 1943 at New York, addressed to Mr. EDWARD E. CONROY and marked Personal. It is not known whether the same was furnished by the writer of the above letter or by some member of the City Council. The original is being placed in the New York file on ADAM CLAYTON POWELL Jr. and a copy is being placed in New York File #100-42735, entitled PEOPLE'S VOICE (NEGRO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER); INTERNAL SECURITY - C. POWELL is editor of this Negro weekly newspaper. Discreet inquiries have been made without results in an effort to ascertain the author of this letter. No further investigation is being conducted along this line and this is being furnished to the Bureau for whatever value it may have.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

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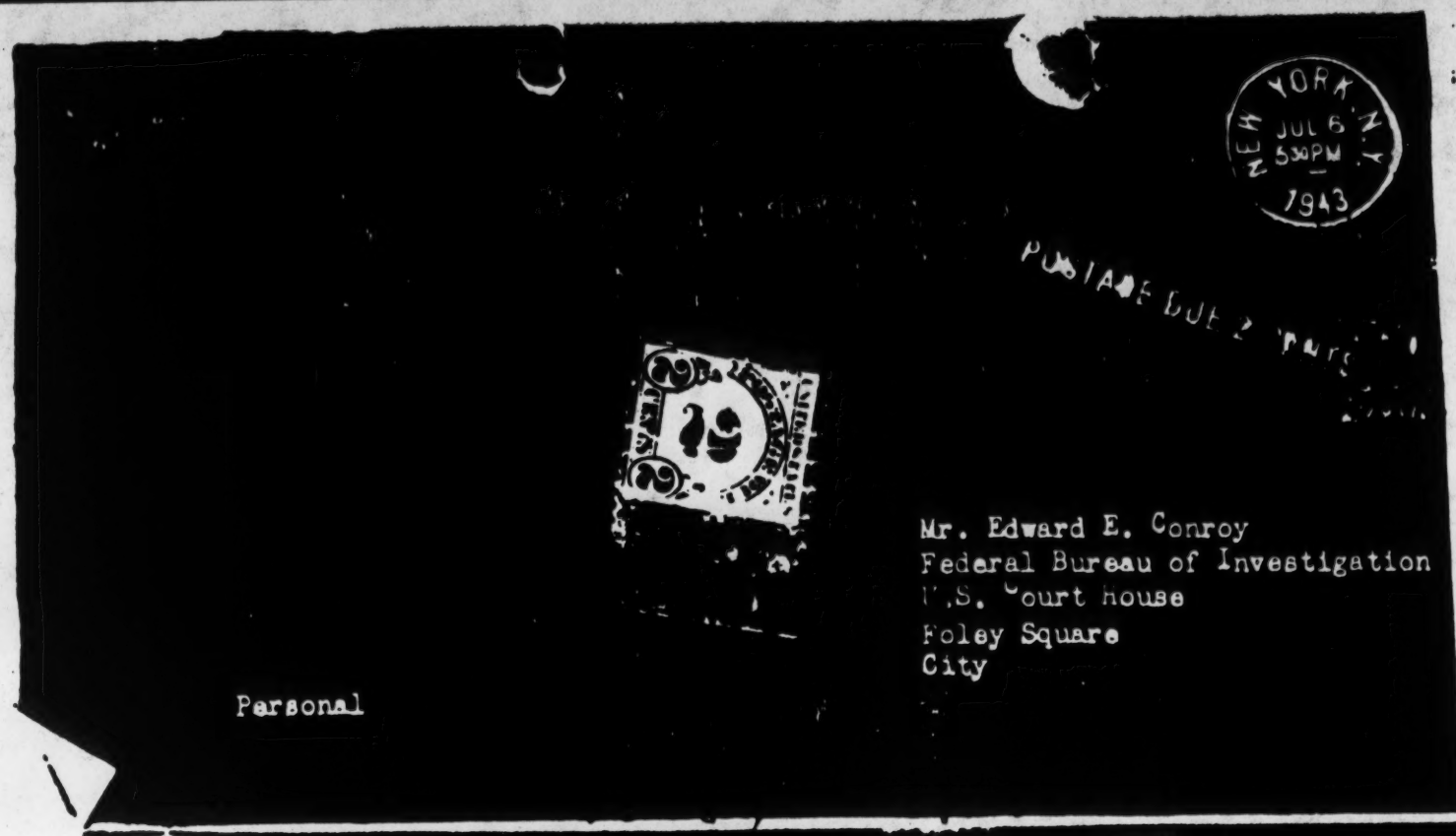
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CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 3, 1943.

To the Honorable Members of the
City Council
City Hall
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

One of your members, Adam C. Powell, is demanding a Council investigation of individuals and groups said to be stirring up racial feeling in New York City.

Powell is a notorious demagogue. You ought to know that by now. Most of us here in Harlem have known it for years. He doesn't give a hoot in hell for colored people. He's thinking only of himself, of his political future. He would like nothing better than to provoke trouble between the two races in New York City. He wouldn't care how many of our skulls were cracked, how many homes and stores were plundered, if out of any such outbreak of violence he could emerge as our self-proclaimed leader.

If Powell were on the level, he'd ask you to set up a committee to investigate his own activities. He's doing more than a dozen Ku Klux Klans to provoke race riots in New York.

If you don't believe this, read his Communist-controlled weekly, The People's Voice. This radical paper is kept going with Communist funds. For a time Powell and his henchmen vigorously denied this. Now no one makes any effort to conceal it. The paper is daringly printed in the Communist plant of The Daily Worker.

This paper is the brain child of Dr. Max Yergan, an avowed Communist, who two years ago was ousted from the faculty of City College for his Communist teachings. At first Yergan remained in the background of The People's Voice. Now he sees no reason to hide his connection. He is boldly listed on the paper's masthead as treasurer, and no issue of the paper goes to press until he and Powell approve the treatment and handling of every story.

General manager is a Communist imported from Chicago last January when The People's Voice seemed headed for the financial rocks. Her name is Thyra Edwards, and she's on the job every day to see that the Communist Party's policies are properly reflected in the paper.

Rounding out the paper's executive committee with Powell, Yergan and Miss Edwards is Charles Buchanan, manager of the notorious Savoy Ballroom which was closed recently by the police on the complaint of the Army and Navy that hundreds of soldiers and sailors contracted venereal diseases from prostitutes they picked up in the Savoy. Buchanan is merely a stooge for the radical Powell, Yergan and the Edwards woman. He put up some of the money with which the paper was started, and he is continued as one of the executives because he's perfectly harmless and because he's good window dressing. He is supposed to be close to the masses in Harlem because of his Savoy connection.

From the beginning The People's Voice, under Powell's editorship, has sought to convince us that white people are our natural enemies. The police are pictured a

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Cossacks; as grafting drunks. That goes for Negro cops, too. If they handle a Harlem mugger a bit roughly, they are accused of assaulting a poor, innocent, law-abiding colored man. Business men are pictured as grasping shylocks. Landlords are accused of exploiting Negro tenants. Public officials are portrayed as U. S. agents of Hitler.

Every effort is made to make us discontented. Every effort is made to persuade us to take matters into our own hands. The paper openly urges us to commit treason against the United States because we are discriminated against in the Army, the Navy and in war plants.

Don't take my word for this. Just read this summary of Powell-inspired stories printed in recent issues of his People's Voice:-

June 26 (page one) - Superimposed on a map of the United States showing cities in which Powell claims there have been racial uprisings in recent weeks is the word RIOTS in four-inch flaming red type. New York is listed with Detroit, Los Angeles, Beaumont, Tex., Newark, Chester, Pa., and several Southern cities as places where race riots have been staged recently. Could this be an invitation to Powell's followers to start something here? Or could Powell have just been hoping that by the time his paper came out the recent trouble in Detroit would have spread here?

Do you know of any recent incident involving Negroes in New York that would justify Powell in listing this city as the scene of racial disturbances?

In the same issue on page two is a three-column headline, "Suicide, Cops Claim, But Was It"? The story claims that the paper is checking what it calls a "hush hush" of a recent police station suicide of a colored man arrested for robbery. But it is nothing more than a subtle attempt to make it appear that the robber, a convict on parole, had been murdered by the police of the West 123rd Street station.

What a fine idea to plant into the minds of Powell's hot-headed followers at a critical time like this!

June 19 (page one) - "Tension High at Camp Stewart. Soldier's Wife Beaten by M. P." says a headline splashed all over the front page. Nowhere in the story is the name of the colored woman given, which makes it sound like a manufactured yarn. What responsible newspaper would feature a story like this without naming the victim?

On page three of the same issue Powell is quoted as having demanded the impeachment of Mayor LaGuardia at a wild rally in Madison Square Garden June 7 attended by "20,000 persons." The Mayor incurred Powell's wrath because he gave his approval to Stuyvesant Town, post-war housing project of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. which will bar Negro tenants.

Only an ingrate and a professional troublemaker would attempt to turn New York's Negroes against Mayor LaGuardia after all the Mayor has done for our people.

June 12 (page one) - "K K K Rides Again in New York, Newark and Detroit" proclaims a bright red scare heading on the front page. Read the story and you find that the only basis for the claim that the Klan is active in New York is the Metropolitan's decision to exclude us from Stuyvesant Town. We're not permitted in Parkchester either. Nor are we allowed to live in the Waldorf Towers. But that doesn't mean the Klan rules New York.

It is a tribute to the good sense of Harlem's Negro masses that they did not run riot, as Powell undoubtedly hoped they would, when he waved the despised K K K flag in their faces.

On page five of this issue, in a signed editorial, Powell openly calls the Mayor a "traitor" and lists him with a number of other public officials accused of being "subversive."

May 15 (page three) - "Harlem Woman Beaten, Attacked by 3 Men in 42nd St. Hotel" runs a three-column head. The victim, a colored maid in the Holland Hotel, was said to have been treated for her injuries at Roosevelt Hospital. The story mentioned no police action; not even a routine investigation. Not a line about the assault appeared in any subsequent issue of the paper. Anyone who knows Powell must be certain that he would never allow an issue like this to peter out if it were true. It is a fair conclusion, therefore, that the yarn was inspired by Powell's fanatical desire to arouse us against the "lily-white" police.

May 22 (page one) - A brilliant scarlet heading occupying the whole of the front page announces "369th to Leave Georgia Hell-Hole." When you stop to consider that the 369th Regiment is our own National Guard outfit, you can readily understand Powell's motive in playing up this story. He wanted to make us hopping mad that our home-town boys had been kicked around in the deep South. But there was nothing in the story printed on page three to justify the characterization of "hell-hole" for the 369th's Camp Stewart base. Some of the soldiers, the story ran, had written home complaining about the "unspeakable conditions" at the camp, but not a word in the story about what the "unspeakable conditions" were. Maybe some of our former zoot suiters objected to K. P.

May 8 (page one) - "People's Voice Exposes Vice and Filth in Downtown Dance Halls" screams a front-page heading in bright red type ranging from one inch to three inches.

The expose, appearing on page three, was provoked by the closing of the Savoy Ballroom, operated by Powell's newspaper partner, Charles Buchanan. The closing of the Savoy was ordered by the police, with the approval of the courts, when it was proved that the ballroom was the headquarters of a gang of Harlem prostitutes. For years most of the respectable people of Harlem have known this. Powell was aware of it, too.

The article on the downtown dance halls, as degenerate and disgusting as anything that has ever appeared in print, charged openly that sex perversion is prevalent on the floor of midtown dance halls.

In a signed editorial on page 16 of the same issue, Powell claimed that the Savoy closing "reeks with corruption". He added that "there is hardly a place of amusement in Harlem that does not meet with an attempt at a police shake-down regularly."

Back of the shutting down of the ballroom, he charged, was an attempt on the part of the police to prevent Negroes and whites from fraternizing in public. He insisted that no one was going to "stop the mixing of races in New York." He urged every Harlem jitterbug and Savoy follower to storm downtown dance halls, and he offered to put on his "zoot" suit and "lead the parade."

What if thousands of foolish Harlem dancers, bent on showing their disapproval of the Savoy closing, had attempted to pack midtown dance halls! Mid-Manhattan

* ld certainly have been turned into a racial battleground, but that would hardly h ve disturbed Powell. That's what he wants.

March 27 (page one) - "N. Y. City Dailies Smear Harlem as Crime Center" s ld a flaming head crowding everything else off the front page.

The story railed at the metropolitan press for taking cognizance of the outbreak of mugging in Harlem streets. It was obviously an attempt to discredit New York's daily newspapers and the police, and to convince Harlem's masses that the newspapers and the authorities are arrayed against them.

Now, I know hundreds of decent Harlem people who are in dread fear of being mugged when they go out at night. They want New York's newspapers to expose crime conditions here. They want more policemen here. They want to improve conditions in Harlem .... and they know the best way to do it is through publicity.

In the same issue in a five-column box spread across the bottom of page one the following appeared:

"It is reported from a usually reliable source that many of the police in Harlem's increased force are working without pay for the extra time spent in Harlem's streets. This condition is startlingly reminiscent of Southern vigilantism. Vigilantes were used through the South in an inspired program of race terrorism and intimidation."

Could any invitation be clearer for Harlem hoodlums to rise up in arms against the police who were pictured by Powell as being willing to spend their time off in Harlem for the sheer joy of beating us up?

March 20 (page one) - "Subway Police 'Mug' Young Harlem School Girl, 15" proclaimed a five-column headline on the front page. Powell screams to high heaven when the New York dailies use the word "mug" in describing the tactics employed by Negro hoodlums, but he doesn't hesitate to employ it in his own paper, if he feels that he can put the police in a bad light.

A careful reading of the story shows that a special patrolman in the Independent Subway had sought to curb a rowdy high school girl who was cutting up on a crowded subway platform. When she resisted, he pushed her into the ladies' washroom until the disturbance blew over. That's what Powell calls "mugging" when he tries to build up sympathy for the victim.

I could go on indefinitely citing stories from Powell's paper to show that his sole purpose is to arouse our people against whites and persuade us to take matters into our own hands. But from the evidence I have already given you, you ought to be convinced.

Certainly Powell wants an investigation of alleged attempts to create racial disturbances in New York City. Such an investigation would give this reckless, race-conscious demagogue an opportunity to exploit us across page one of every daily newspaper. No one would be spared his acid tongue. Decent people of both races would be hailed before him for questioning at public hearings. It would be a Roman holiday for New York's No. 1 bigot. Not even you Councilmen would be spared if you disagreed with him. If you objected to his line of questioning, he'd tear

into you just as savagely as he would the K K K and accuse you of race prejudice. He would pin the tag of Fascist on you just as he has on everyone, Negro or white, who disagrees with him. Go through the back files of his paper and see how many respectable people have been labeled "Fascists."

There are no racial disorders in New York City except in Powell's fickle and distorted mind. But if you give him an opportunity to crucify police officials before a Council investigating committee and subject them to his abuse, you'll provoke racial attacks as sure as there's an election next November.

If you members of the Council have the interests of the Negro at heart, you'll toss the Hart resolution into the wastebasket where it belongs, and let the voters of Harlem return Powell to his desecrated pulpit next Fall.

Yours very truly,

A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF POWELL